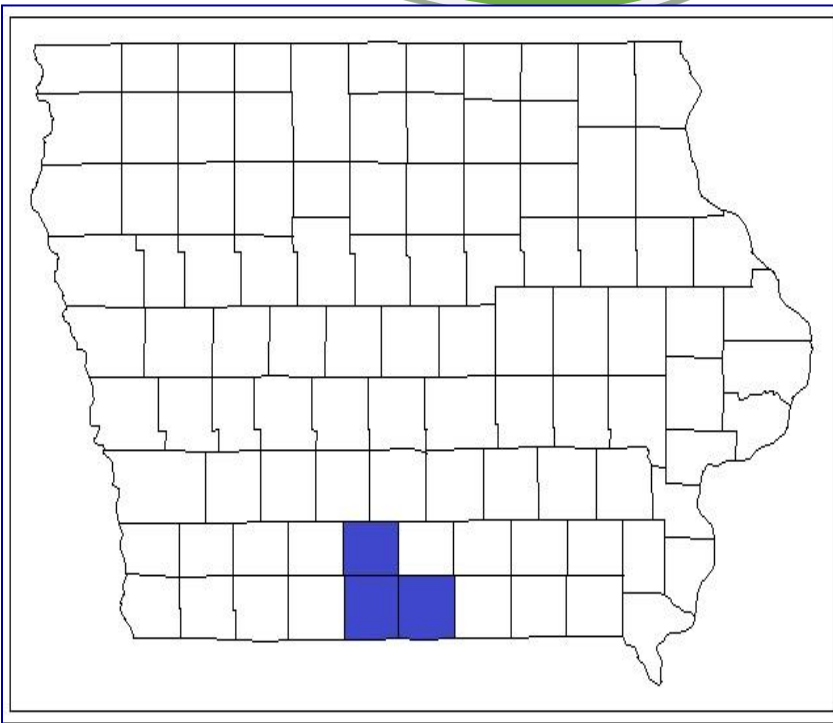




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Clarke, Decatur and Wayne Counties



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Early Childhood Iowa History: State and Local

State History:

Iowa's Community Empowerment was established during the 1998 legislative session in an effort to create a partnership between communities and State government with an emphasis to improve the well-being of families with young children. Within local empowerment areas, local citizens were able to lead collaborative efforts involving education, health and human service programs.

The 2010 legislative session brought about some changes in Iowa's early childhood structure. Prior to this legislative session, Iowa's youngest children were supported through a partnership between Community Empowerment and the Early Childhood Stakeholder's Council (ECI). Both groups had served as leading advocates for young children and their families for several years.

In an effort to work toward a common vision of a comprehensive early care, health, and education system, the Iowa Legislature established Senate File 2088, calling for a merger of Community Empowerment and Early Childhood Iowa into one inclusive structure. These efforts lead to the name change from Community Empowerment to Early Childhood Iowa.

Iowa is committed to achieving results and every community in Iowa has the opportunity to develop the capacity and commitment for achieving these results:

- Healthy Children
- Children Ready to Succeed in School
- Safe and Nurturing Families
- Secure and Nurturing Early Learning Environments
- Safe and Supportive Communities

The Early Childhood Iowa legislation established two specific programs, School Ready and Early Childhood. These programs provide funding to encourage communities to "work together" to assist families with children age prenatal through age five.

School Ready Grants provide comprehensive services for children birth prenatal through age five including early learning environments (preschool and child care), family support and other services. Early Childhood Grants enhance the quality and capacities of child care services.

Clarke County History:

Family First Early Childhood Iowa (Empowerment) Area, Clarke County, received designation and funding in January 1999, that actually began in October 2000. Between 2000 and 2012, they received \$1,545,738 in School Ready Funds and \$227,392 in Early Childhood Funds to assist Clarke County children age birth through five and their families. Over this period, thirty-seven individuals served on the Board of Directors.

Decatur County History:

Decatur County Empowerment received designation and their funding began in January 1999. Between 1999 and 2012 they received \$2,401,763 in School Ready Funds and \$249,524 in Early Childhood Funds to assist Decatur County children age birth through five and their families.

Wayne County History:

Wayne County Empowerment received designation and funding in September 1999 and their funding began in October 2000. Between 2000 and 2012 they received \$1,304,763 in School Ready Funds and \$203,750 in Early Childhood Funds to assist Wayne County children age birth through five and their families.

Why Clarke, Decatur and Wayne Areas became one.....

In June 2009, the Department of Management conducted an Empowerment Lean event with a broad group of stakeholders. Several recommendations were developed at the state and local level to improve the efficiencies and effectiveness of Community Empowerment.

One of the recommendations was to redefine Early Childhood Areas, with an overarching goal to reach 30-38 Early Childhood Areas. The following are criteria that were developed to support the goal.

Criterion #1: A local ECIA consist of no more than four counties.

Criterion #2: Single-county areas must have a child population (ages 0-5) greater than 5,000.

Criterion #3: Based on the ability of an area to meet all the criteria, any ECIA can choose to redefine their boundaries.

Criterion #4: All Early Childhood Areas must have contiguous county boarders.

Kids First Communities ECI Area (Clarke, Decatur and Wayne Counties) History:

Family First (Clarke County) ECI, Decatur County ECI, and Wayne County ECI merged effective July 1, 2012 and are now designated as one ECI Area, the Kids First Communities. The three counties began the process to merge in August 18, 2010 when a letter of intent was sent to and approved by the State Early Childhood Area Board. All work completed to further the merge process maintained the focus of keeping children and families in all three counties a top priority.

The Community Plan committee, comprised of members from each of the three county boards, met several times and began by comparing Mission and Vision statements from all three counties. It was determined that the statements could be captured by adopting the State Vision Statement: *“Every child, beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful.”* The Mission Statement is: *“Kids First Communities Early Childhood Area will build community capacity to deliver a comprehensive and integrated early care, health, and education system.”*

Use of Community Plan:

As outlined in Tool NN, Early Childhood Area community plan template, the Kids First Community plan “is a living, breathing document that guides the work of the local Early Childhood Iowa Area (ECIA) board and community”. The plan was written with the assistance of community partners using a needs assessment survey along with program participant surveys. It is used to assist the Board and community partners to build a strong local early care, health and education system that exists for children ages prenatal through five years within the Kids First Communities boundary area. The plan identifies community assets, common needs and gaps in services. The document guides planning and decision making, addresses sustainability and is a tool that can be utilized by the community as a whole.

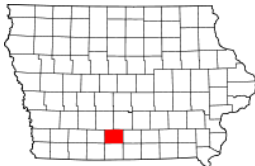
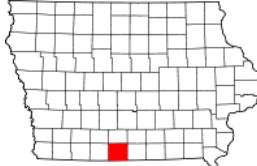

Copies of the community plan are distributed to partners and the community as a whole thru an email distribution list. More information about the Kids First Communities Area and community plan can be obtained by contacting the Area Director at quad.kfc@gmail.com or 641-247-1261.

SECTION 1: General Information

The geographical area for Kids First Communities Early Childhood Area is defined by the boundaries of Clarke, Decatur and Wayne Counties:

- The Clarke Early Childhood Area is defined by the boundaries of all of Clarke County including the school districts of Clarke and Murray. Communities in this area include Osceola, Murray, Woodburn, Weldon, Jamison, Hopeville and Lacelle with Osceola being the county seat.
- The Decatur Early Childhood Area is defined by the boundaries of all of Decatur County and includes the Central Decatur and Lamoni School Districts. Communities in this area include Davis City, Decatur, Garden Grove, Grand River, Lamoni, LeRoy, Leon, Pleasanton, Van Wert and Weldon, with Leon being the County Seat.
- The Wayne County Early Childhood Area is defined by the boundaries of all of Wayne County and includes the Wayne, Seymour and Mormon Trail School districts. Communities in this area include Allerton, Clio, Corydon, Humeston, Lineville, Millerton, Promise City, and Seymour with Corydon being the County Seat.

Children prenatal through age five and their families living within these counties are eligible for services funded by Kids First Communities. Procedures are in place for services to be provided to families that cross ECI areas.

	Clarke County	Decatur County	Wayne County	
				
Founded	1846	1846	1846	
Sq. Miles	431.72	533.32	527.08	
Major Highways	Interstate 35 US Hwy 34 US Hwy 69 Iowa Hwy 152	Interstate 35 US Hwy 69 Iowa Hwy 2	US Hwy 65 Iowa Hwy 2 Iowa Hwy 14	
Year	Population			Total
2010	9,286	8,457	6,403	24,146
2011	9,317	8,245	6,334	23,896
2012	9,341	8,237	6,326	23,904
2013	9,245	8,209	6,382	23,836
2014	9,202	8,200	6,374	23,776
2015	9,227	8,123	6,355	23,705
2016	9,286	8,045	6,437	23,768
2017	9,374	7,950	6,476	23,800
2020	9,748	7,645	6,497	23,890

Kids First Communities Vision:

“Every child, beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful.”

During the process to develop a vision statement in FY2012, it was determined to utilize the State Vision Statement as it best captured the essence of the individual visions from the three merging areas, Clarke, Decatur, and Wayne Counties. All three counties continue to be united in their belief that Kids First Communities ECI Area Board ensures that services are provided to children and their families; there is continued collaboration with other community agencies and organizations; and recognized data and assessments are utilized for decision making.

Kids First Communities Mission:

Kids First Community Early Childhood Area will build community capacity to deliver a comprehensive and integrated early care, health, and education system.

This has been the Board’s mission since the merger in FY2012 and continues to be the mission of KFC.

Result Areas

The Kids First Communities supports five result areas:

- Healthy Children
 - Secure and Nurturing Families
- Secure and Nurturing Early Learning Environments
 - Children Ready to Succeed in School
 - Safe and Supportive communities

Interesting facts about the Kids First Communities Early Childhood Area:

Clarke County:

- The county was formed on January 13, 1846. It was named for James Clarke, a Governor of the Iowa Territory.
- Rail service, including Amtrak and Burlington Northern Santa Fe featuring the last original passenger station in Iowa, was on the National List of Top Ten Endangered Stations for 2000. The City of Osceola has purchased this historic depot and is completing extensive interior refinishing.
- Lakeside Casino Resort is a product of the hard work and faith of the citizens of Clarke County. Clarke County Development Corporation received 6% of the casino revenue. The funding policy provides that 5% is placed in a reserve fund, 20% is used for operations, 2.25% total goes back to the city of Osceola and the Osceola water board, and the remainder goes into the funds available for grants for charitable giving to qualified 501 (C) (3) organizations or tax-exempt equivalent organizations servicing the needs of the people in Clarke County. The Community Development Program Fund has taken the place of the Community Action Fund. It offers funding up to \$500 donation for smaller projects. These grants are available on a monthly basis. In addition, CCDC also offers a Pillars grant program. This grant allows for 501 C3 organizations to apply for funding of projects to match dollar for dollar for funding. Tax supported entities may also apply; however, they have a 1:3 match requirement. These grants are considered by a special committee on a monthly basis.
- The Community Action Fund (CAF) Grant is available through the Clarke County Development Corporation and Lakeside Casino and Resort. CAF Grants assist organizations located in Clarke County which serve primarily youth, senior citizens and disadvantaged persons. There is no minimum grant

amount and the maximum amount of the grant is \$500 per project or individual. The grants are available on a monthly basis.

- Eleven and a half percent of the population in Clarke County is Hispanic which is twice the percentage of the state average of five and a half percent.
- The Clarke County Hospital is a 25 bed, critical access hospital that continues to expand services in order to provide the community with convenient services close to home. The Hospital is a tax-supported entity and affiliated with the Iowa Health System through a contractual management agreement. The Hospital is licensed by the State of Iowa and is certified by the federal government for participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The Hospital is also accredited, approved and licensed by or a member of: FDA accreditation of Mammography; Iowa Department of Public Health; Iowa and National Associations of Home Care; Iowa and National Hospice Organizations; Iowa Trauma Registry; Iowa Hospital Association; and Iowa Board of Pharmacy Examiners. More than eighty active and courtesy physicians are on staff with specialties from allergy to urology.

Decatur County:

- The county is named for Stephen Decatur, Jr., a hero in the War of 1812.
- The families of Decatur County enjoy many small-town privileges with big city opportunities. Although labeled the poorest County in the state of Iowa, residents of the county do not let that inhibit their desire to grow and improve their quality of life.
- Graceland University (founded in 1895) in Lamoni provides many opportunities for county residents. Families and youth can choose to participate in summer camps of all varieties, attend a fine arts event or to use any of its many great facilities; swimming pool, ball fields, track complex and/or gym. Graceland recently constructed a state-of-the-art science building and has recently constructed a phenomenal fine art building that offers an extensive calendar of performances.
- The Decatur County Hospital, located in Leon, has recently constructed a beautiful new, state of the art facility. The new hospital is equipped with 11 inpatient rooms, an expanded emergency department, and top-notch imaging equipment. The hospital provides a wide variety of outpatient services and an expanded operating room with a designated endoscopy room. They have also recently hired a new general surgeon who specializes in vascular surgery.
- Decatur County houses two community school districts and shares another with neighboring Wayne County. The two school districts that are solely in Decatur County are being proactive and share a superintendent. This is cost effective for both districts due to a decrease in student count and state aid.
- Although the population of the county has been steadily declining since 2000 there has been an increase in Amish households. Even though the Amish home school their children they do help with the local economy. They market their homemade goods at the local Welcome Center and in their own Amish on Main store in downtown Lamoni.
- Decatur County is comprised of ten incorporated towns ranging in population from 15 people in LeRoy, sharing the title of the smallest incorporated town in Iowa, to 2,354. These small, rural towns offer a feeling of being a part of a much larger family in times of joys and in times of tragedies.

Wayne County:

- Wayne County was formed in 1846 but was still attached to other counties for governmental purposes. It was named after General Anthony Wayne.

- Approximately 159 Amish households and several Ukrainian families reside in Wayne County. Most of the Amish children attend Amish schools.
- Wayne County residents feel extremely fortunate to have high quality medical facilities and well-respected medical personnel. The Hospital owns and operates the South Central Iowa Medical Clinic and Prairie Trails Dental Clinic. The South Central Iowa Medical Clinic is located in four of the county's communities and staffed with general practitioners. The hospital delivers babies and offers kidney dialysis services, surgery and a full range of specialty clinic services. As well as health care, the hospital and clinics provide a boost to the county's economy.
- Wayne County is located 70 miles or more from all major regional service centers and consistently falls on the edge of organization's service area. Sometimes the service area is to the east and sometimes to the west. As a result of regional staffing patterns, it is sometimes difficult for county residents to access and/or coordinate services. Wayne County has been losing population since the early part of the twentieth century and has one of the highest percent of elderly (65 and older) populations in the state.

The Department of Human Services in Osceola services Clarke, Decatur and Wayne Counties.

In summary, the Kids First Communities Early Childhood Area Board of Directors has accomplished much since merging Clarke, Decatur and Wayne Counties. The strength is the commitment level to educating themselves on Early Childhood in each of the three counties. After a few bumpy years the board is much more cohesive. They no longer see themselves as county representatives but instead representing the area as a whole.

To guide the Board in meeting the priorities and indicators established the information in the Community Plan is used. Utilizing the most current reliable data available, on an annual basis; priorities are reviewed to assure that we continue to meet the needs within our communities; and indicators revisited to ensure we are selecting accurate measures that best describe our area.

Demographic Profile

Population and Ethnicity					
	Clarke	Decatur	Wayne	KFC Area	Iowa
Total Population	9,748	7,645	6,497	23,800	3,190,369
Population by Race					
White	94.8%	94.2%	97.0%	95.3%	90.1%
Black or American Indian	1.3%	2.3%	0.7%	1.43%	4.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.10%	0.6%	0.3%	0.7%	0.6%
Asian	1.1%	1.0%	0.6%	0.5%	2.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Two or more races	1.4%	1.6%	1.4%	1.47%	2.10%
Population by Ethnicity					
Hispanic/ Latino	16.8%	3.4%	2.1%	7.43%	6.7%
Not Hispanic/Latino	79.5%	91.5%	95.3%	88.7%	84.1%

Other Demographics					
	Clarke	Decatur	Wayne	KFC Area	Iowa
% Population 65 or Older	18.9%	20.5%	21.9%	20.43%	17.7%
% Population under 5 years	6.4%	5.6%	7.2%	6.4%	5.9%
Language other than English spoken at home	12.3%	4.5%	8.10%	8.30%	8.4%
People Per Household	2.3	2.2	2.41	2.32	2.4
Households	3,960	3,242	2,620	3,270	1,273,941
Total Employment	3,459	1,771	1,358	2,196	1,390,551
% Population in Poverty	11.10%	16.9%	13%	13.67%	11.10%
Medium Household Income	55,078	48,154	47,543	50,258	61,836
High school graduate or higher, % of persons age 25+	85.5%	89.80%	88.90%	88.07%	92.50
Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons age 25+	15.9%	26.5%	14.30%	18.9%	29.3%

Median Value of Housing	115,400	82,800	79,900	92,700	153,900
% of births to unmarried mothers ²	39.8%	36.5%	18.7%	31.7%	36.2%
Infants Ever Breastfed ²	73%	80%	85%	79.3%	83%
Unemployment Rate ³	2.8%	2.2%	2.7%	2.6%	2.5%
Family Investment Program ³	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.49%	0.6%
Free or reduced-price lunch eligibility in Iowa ³	49.8%	61.9%	56.5%	15.4%	41.8%
Food Assistance SNAP	13.6%	14%	10.4%	12.7%	10.9%
Preschool % for 3 and 4 year olds ³	41%	33%	48.1%	40.7%	45.5%
Child Abuse & Neglect Rate ⁴	34.45/1000	24.86/1000	13.56/1000	24.29/1000	10.2/1000
Single Parent Families ³	24.4%	30.7%	30.7%	28.6%	31.2%

Source: <https://www.census.gov>, <https://tracking.idph.iowa.gov/>, <https://datacenter.kidscount.org>, <https://www.commongoodiowa.org/>
<https://dhs.iowa.gov/reports/child-abuse-statistics>

Children ages 0-5 Health Snapshot					
	Clarke	Decatur	Wayne	Area Total	State
Population of % under 5	7.6%	6.9%	8.1%	7.6%	6.4%
% Children 5 & under living in poverty	31.4%	37.3%	23.5%	31.3%	17.5%
% Low Birth Weight Babies	8.6%	**	**	**	10.0%
% Mother received prenatal care in first trimester	79.2%	75.3%	61.0%	73.1%	79.1%
Child Abuse/Neglect Rate age 5 and under % of total cases	49.0%	32.4%	25.0%	39.0%	47.4%
Families with all parents working with children under age 6	52.7%	59.0%	60.5%	56.8%	71.6%

SECTION II: Community Needs Assessment

To update the Community Needs Assessment the Kids First Communities Board of Directors reviewed options to obtain information from community partners as well as parents/caregivers in our respective Counties. To engage in conversation specific to community needs the Board utilized each County's Interagency Group and KFC partners by promoting feedback through a State-wide ECI initiative to not duplicate efforts in the rural area. Community partners include school districts, child care providers, preschools, counseling agencies, hospital personnel, public health agencies, family visitation programs, Decatorization, and Iowa State University Extension.

A Statewide ECI Family Survey was collected between November of 2021 and March of 2022 using the similar questions as the 2019 Family Survey (Early Childhood Iowa, 2019). The full results from this survey, including comparisons between 2019 and 2022 results, were presented to the ECI Stakeholder's Alliance on May 10, 2022. The following report was generated in October of 2022 by the I2D2 analytic team to reflect a subset of analysis for families from the Clarke, Decatur and Wayne counties. The full sample size for this area was 157 families.

Table 1. County frequency, percent, and total sample size.

	Number of Respondents	Percent
Clarke	16	10.2
Decatur	42	26.8
Wayne	99	63.1
	Total sample size =157	

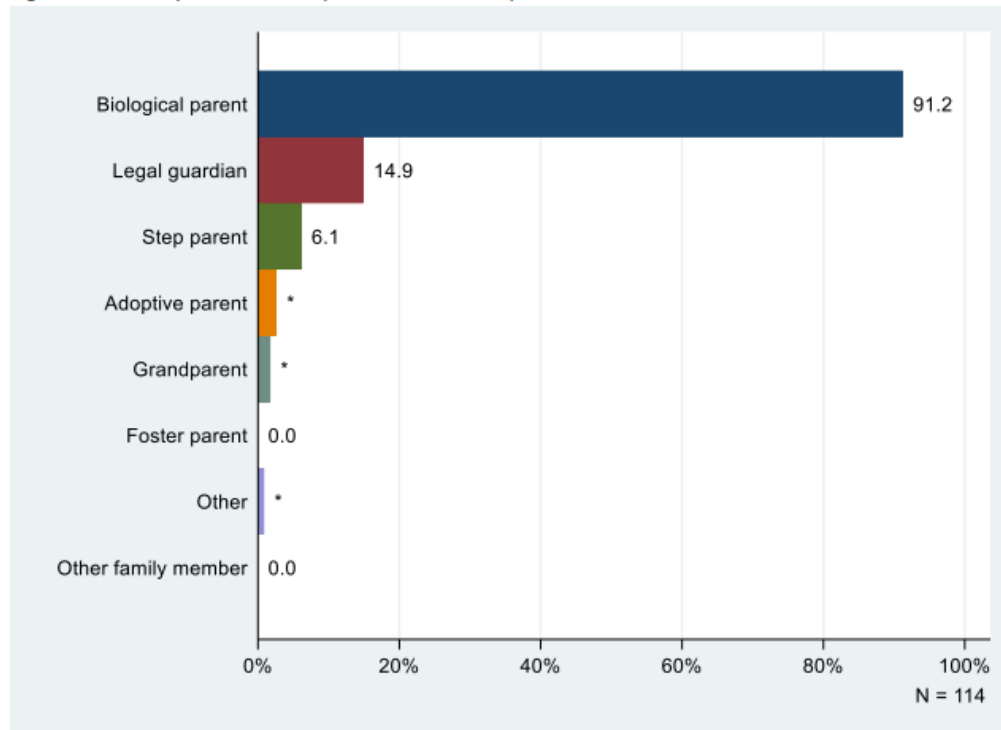
Table 2. Survey demographic descriptives

Characteristic	Percent or mean (SD)
Race	
Black	0%
Asian	*
Latino/Hispanic	*
Multiracial	0%
White	93.6%
Other	0%
Gender	
Female	96.2%
Male	*
Other	*
Age of respondent	
17 or younger	0%
18-24	*
25-34	41.4%
35-44	42.0%
45-54	11.5
55+	*
Relationship status	
Married and living with partner	74.3%
Married but separated from my partner	4.4%
Single	8.9
Not married, but living with partner	12.4%

Education		
	Less than high school	*
	High school or GED	14.2%
	Certification in a specialized area	*
	Some college	19.5%
	Technical, associate, or bachelor	55.8%
Income		
	Less than \$9,999	*
	\$10,000-\$19,999	*
	\$20,000-\$29,999	6.4%
	\$30,000-\$49,999	15.5%
	\$50,000+	70.0%
Household composition		
	Number of children	2.3 (1.2)
	Age younger child	5.9 (5.1)
	Age older child	10.4 (4.9)
Language spoken at home		
	English only	94.3%
	Other	5.7%
All children share same biological mother and father		
	Yes	79.8%
	No	20.2%
	Unsure	0%
Job status		
	Work full-time	67.3%
	Work part-time	12.4%
	Stay at home-parent	*
	Other	*

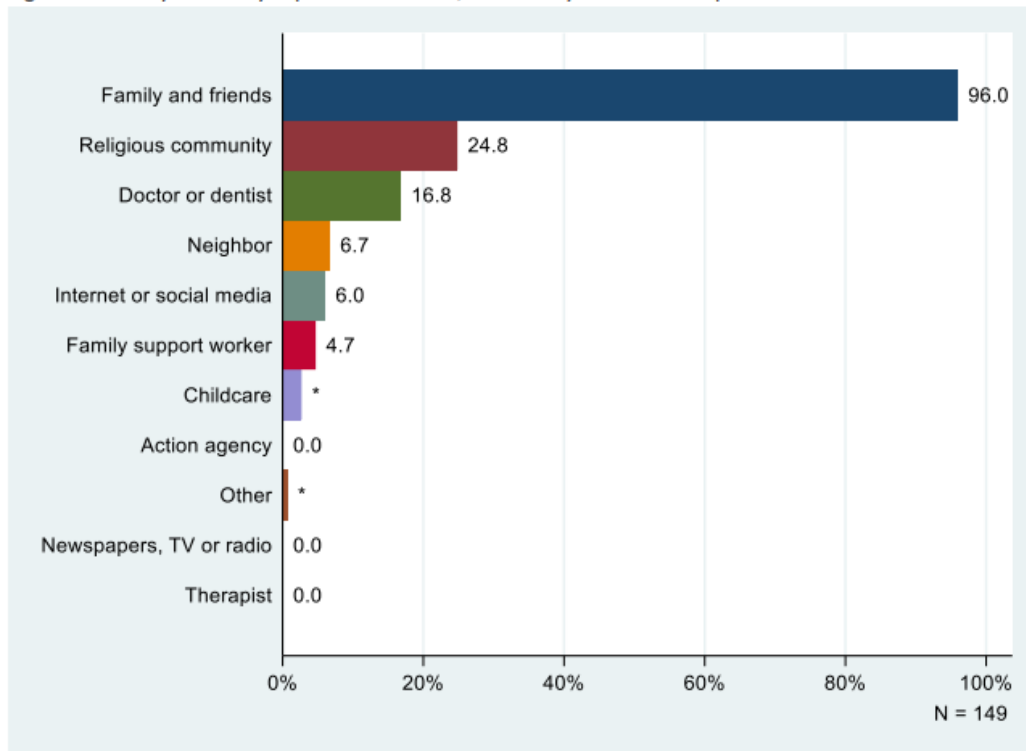
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Figure 1. What is your relationship to the children in your home?



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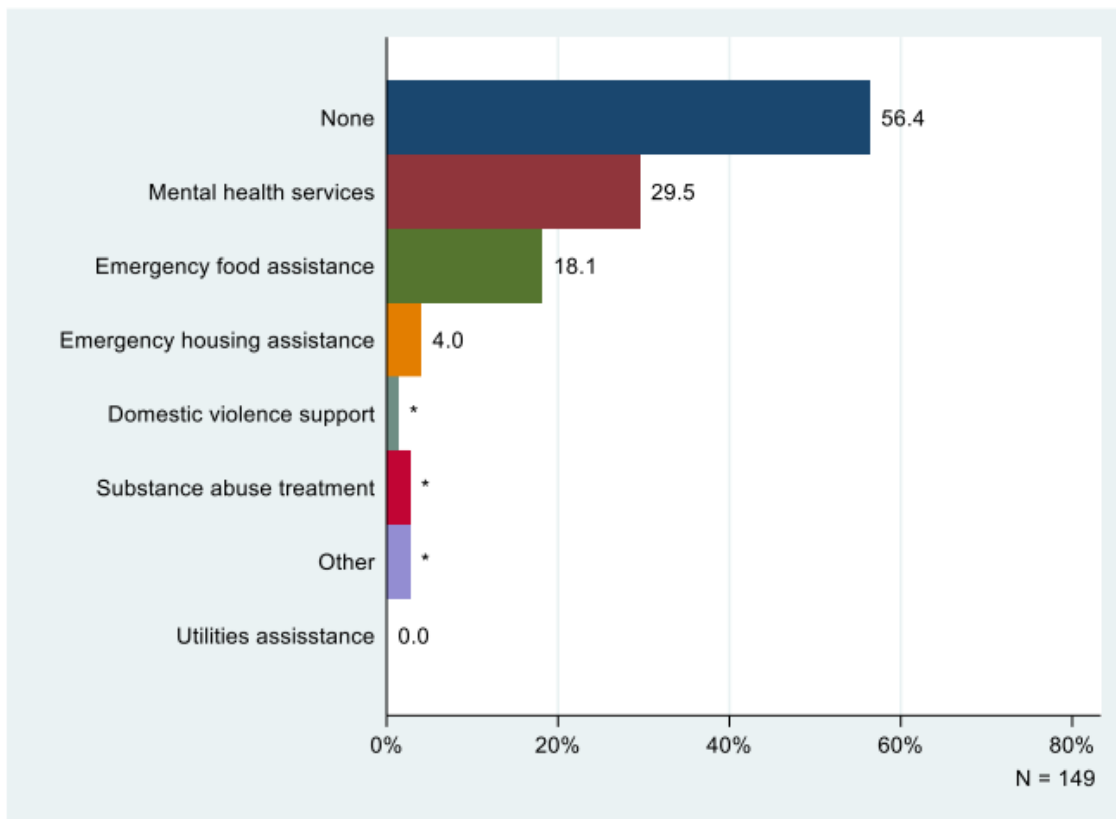
Figure 2. When your family experiences a crisis, where do you turn for help?



Note. These data are similar to slide 10 in the original statewide results presented at the Stakeholder Alliance on May 10, 2022.

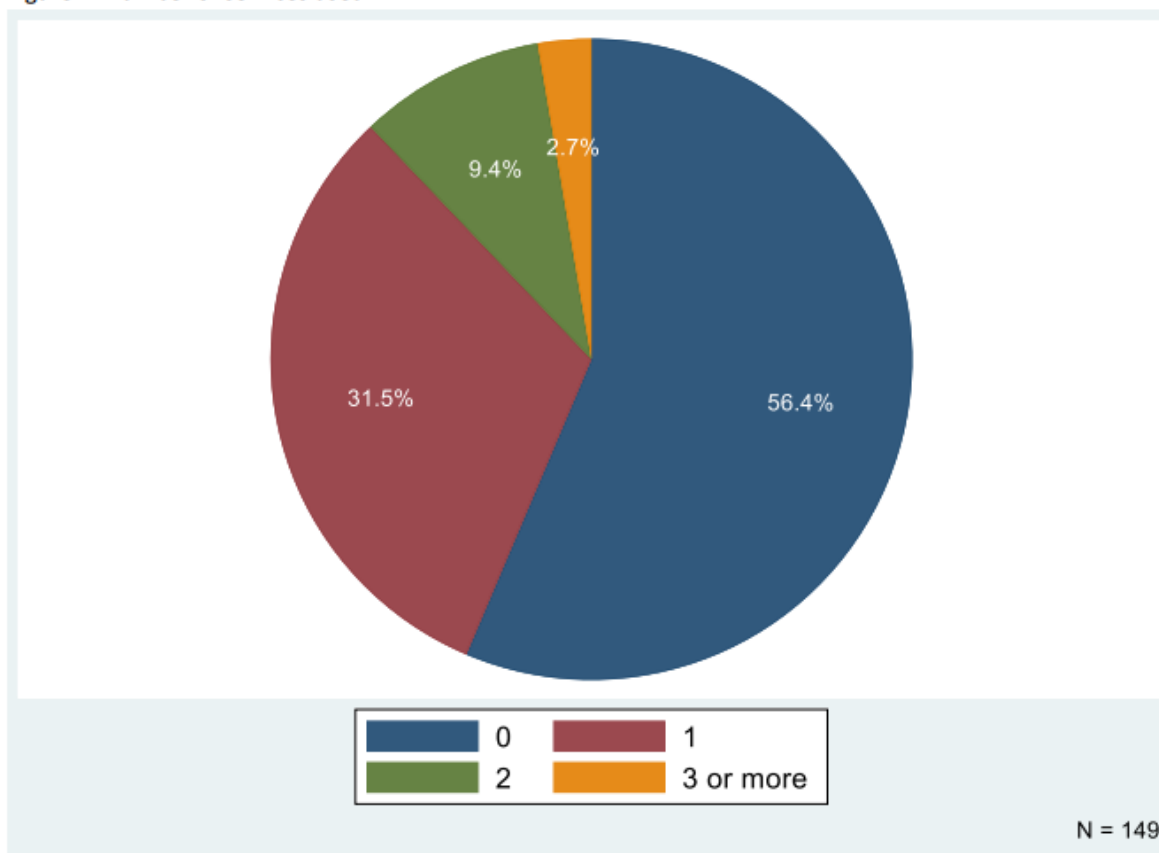
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Figure 3. Have you or your family ever used the following services?



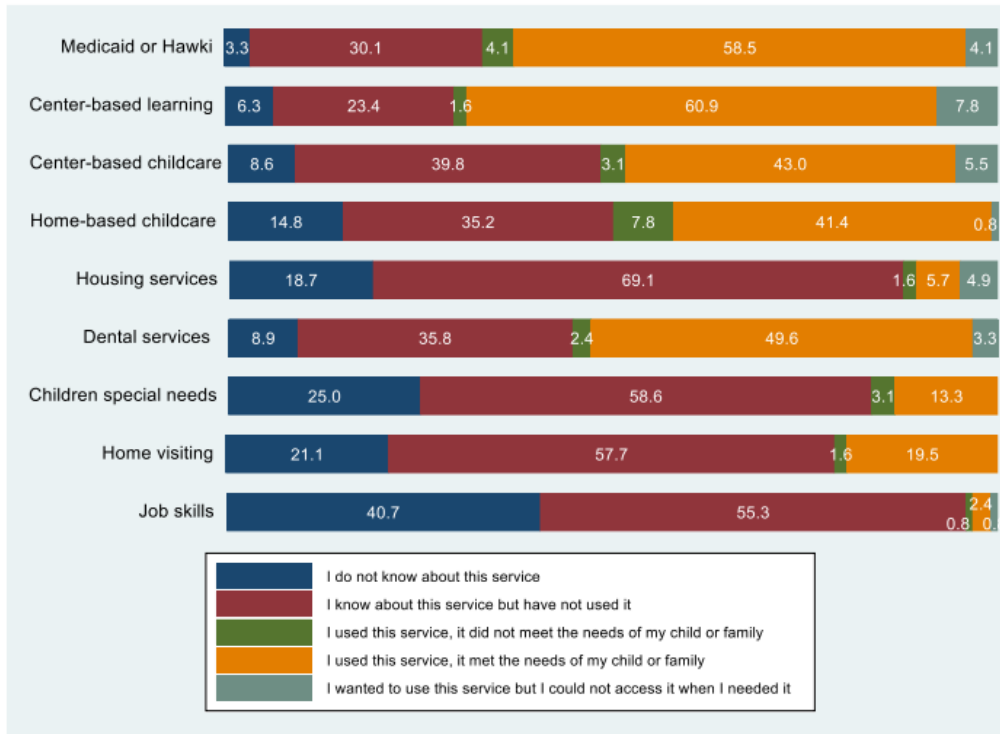
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Figure 4. Number of services used



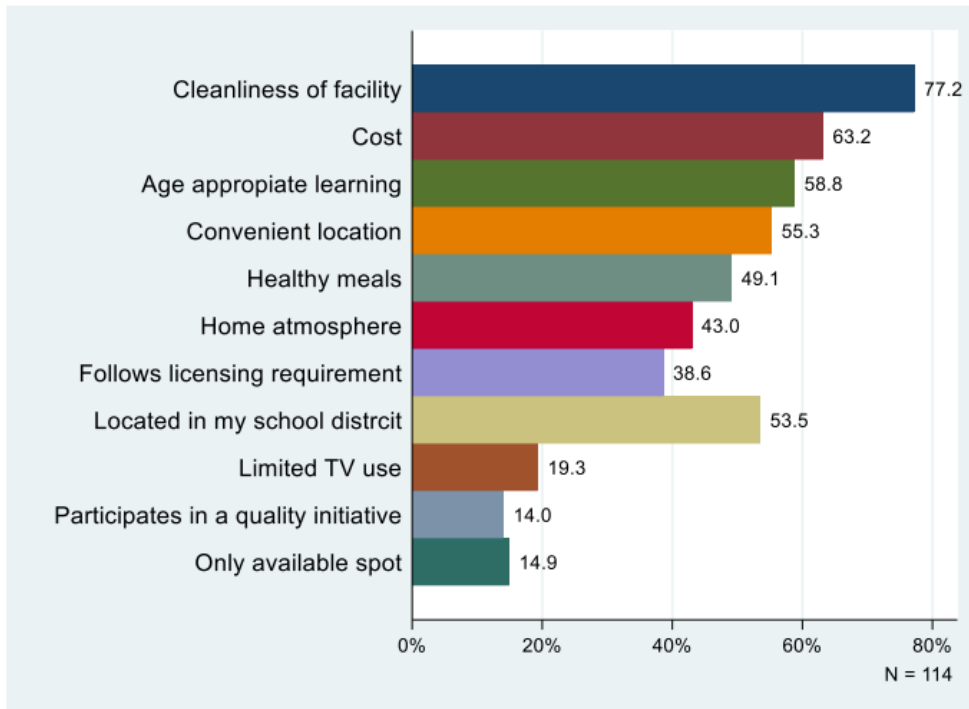
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Figure 5. For each of the following family services and programs, indicate which option best describes your experience



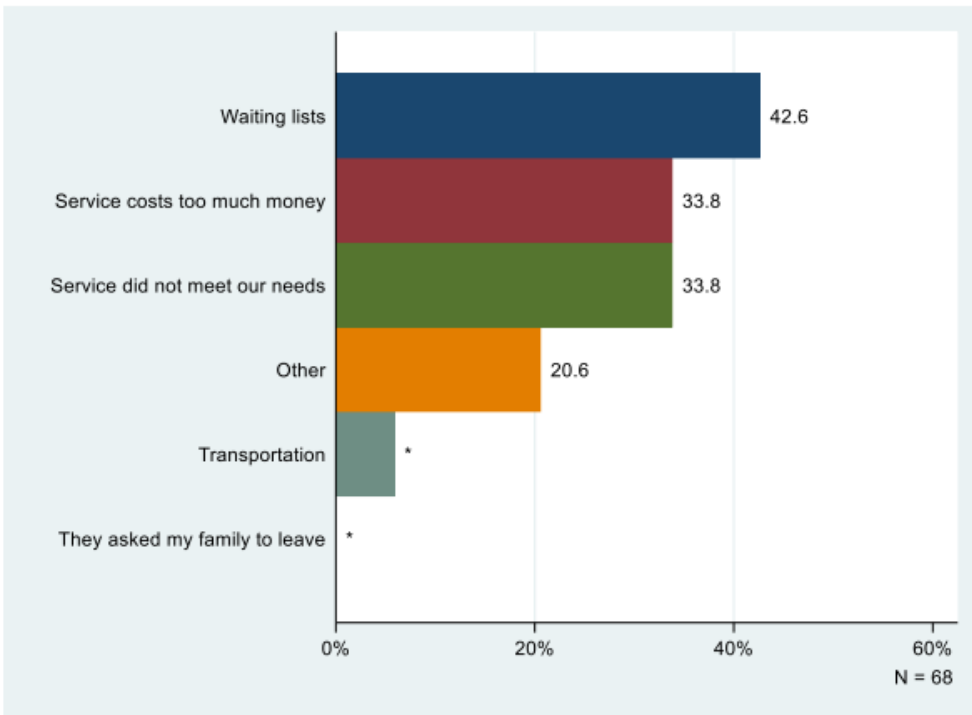
Note. These data are similar to slide 13 in the original statewide results presented at the Stakeholder Alliance on May 10, 2022.

Figure 6. When selecting childcare, which of the following factors are the most important in making that selection?



Note. These data are similar to slide 40 in the original statewide results presented at the Stakeholder Alliance on May 10, 2022.

Figure 7. What has made it difficult for you to use services designed for families like yours?



Note. These data are similar to slide 33 in the original statewide results presented at the Stakeholder Alliance on May 10, 2022.

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Figure 8. Number of difficulties reported

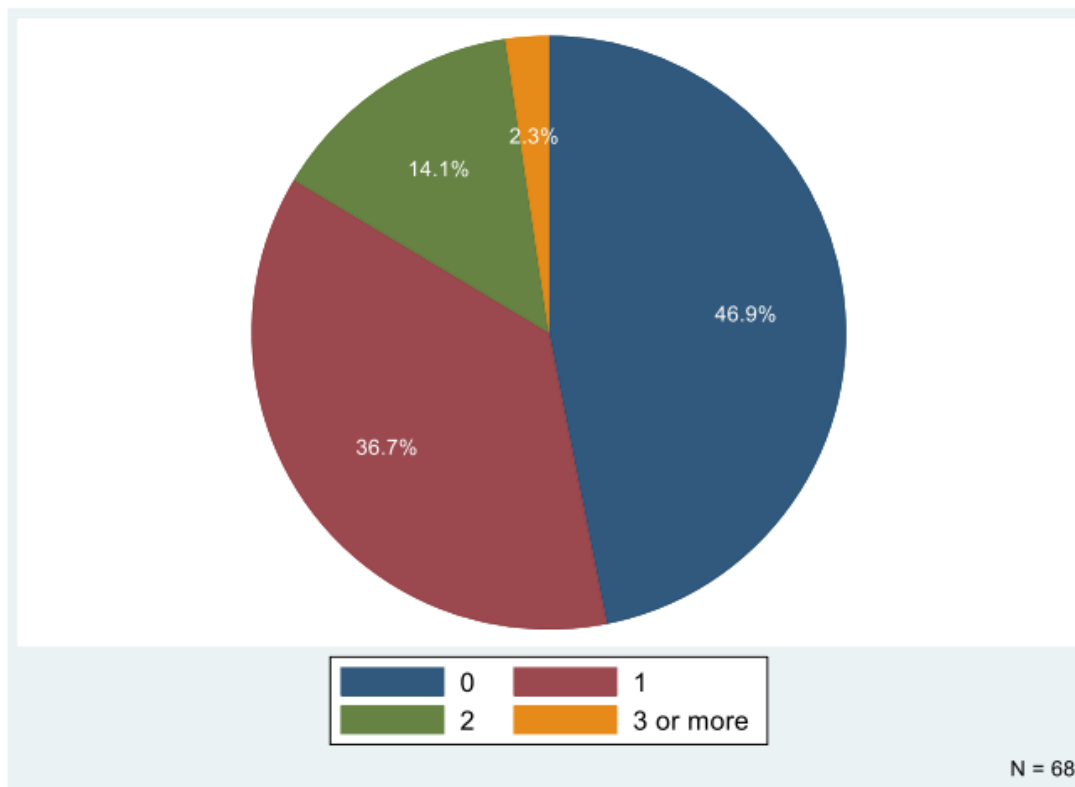
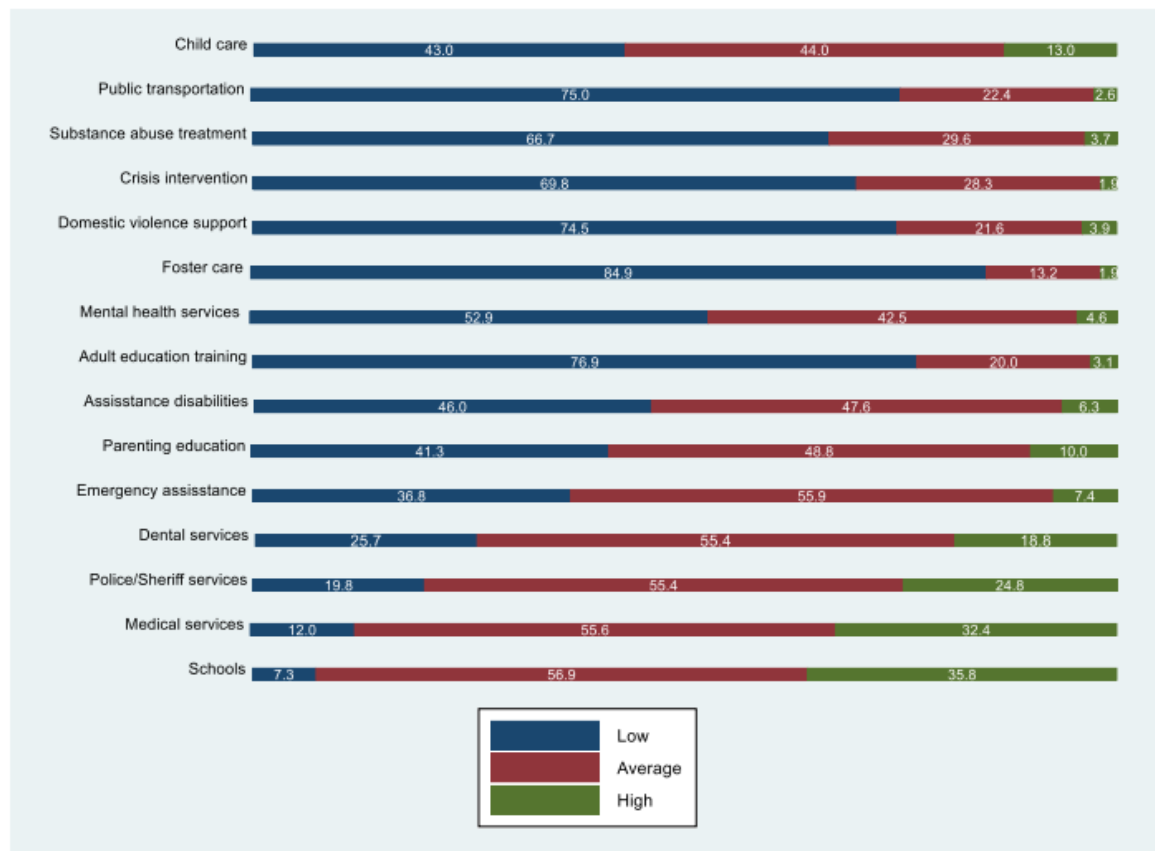


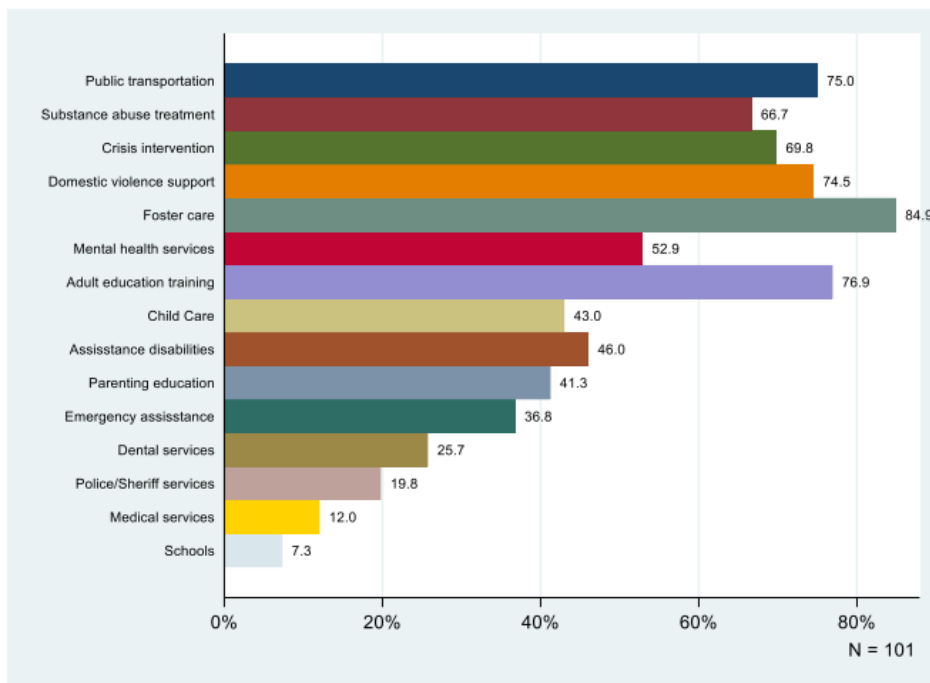
Figure 9. Rate how adequate you feel the services are in your area



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Figure 10. Rate how adequate you feel the services are in your area.

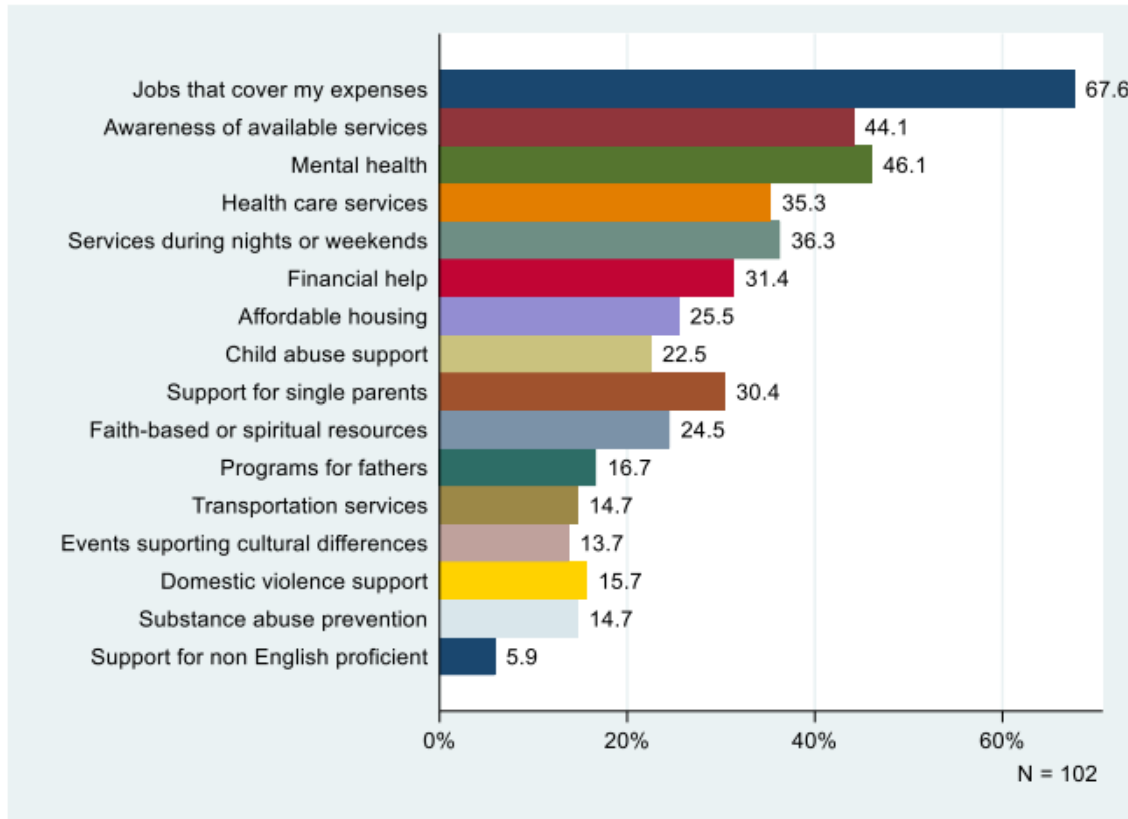
Percent of families reporting low adequacy:



Note. These data are similar to slide 26-27 in the original statewide results presented at the Stakeholder Alliance on May 10, 2022.

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Figure 11. What do you think are the most important areas of support needed for your family's well-being and success?



Note. These data are similar to slide 19, 23, 24, and 25 in the original statewide results presented at the Stakeholder Alliance on May 10, 2022.

* Indicates percent is masked due to low number of participants

After analyzing the information in the surveys, it is evident there are great challenges in meeting the needs for families of young children in the area. Responses indicate that:

- 29.50% used Emergency Food Assistance services, and only 15.7% and 14% have used resources for Domestic Violence Support and Substance Abuse.
- 56.4% of the KFC area had never used any services listed
- 25.0% do not know about children special need service and 57.7% know about home visiting, but have never used it. 19.5% have used home visiting
- For childcare, 77.2% indicated that cleanliness of facility & 63.2% indicate cost, and 58.8 % of age-appropriate learning are most important in selecting childcare.
- Waiting lists, service cost and services not meeting needs made it difficult to use resources in the KFC area.
- Services are lacking in the KFC area included foster care, adult education training, domestic violence, and public transportation, crises intervention and substance abuse.
- Most important areas of support needed for families in the KFC area included jobs that cover expenses, awareness of available services and mental health.

Findings from the 2019 ECI Needs Assessment identified four priority needs.

1. We have gaps in service utilization for vulnerable children including those in rural counties, low-income and minority families, and with identified risks at birth such as low maternal education and inadequate prenatal care. Our families face significant access challenges, including long waiting lists and out-of-reach costs that prevent many of them from receiving the care they need when they need it.
2. We have shortages in both the quantity and quality of our early childhood workforce. Staffing challenges are particularly acute in rural counties, which comprise 89% of Iowa counties.
3. We have identified gaps in communications that limit our ability to fully foster systems-wide change. Generating and improving bi-directional feedback loops with families and providers, as well as strategies to improve the content of communications, is needed.
4. We need to continue investments in building a “data culture” so that the information we collect to monitor the impact of our efforts is used in strategic planning and daily decision making to improve our system.

Childcare Cost Burden

The childcare cost burden among counties in Iowa range from 19% to 30%, the KFC area is at the higher end of 26%-27%. Priority of the KFC area will continue to offering families relief from the cost burden and offer quality childcare and preschool in the area.

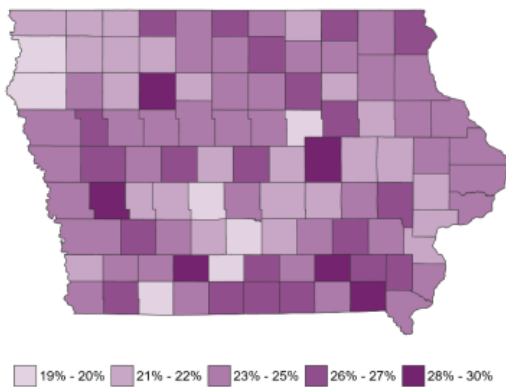


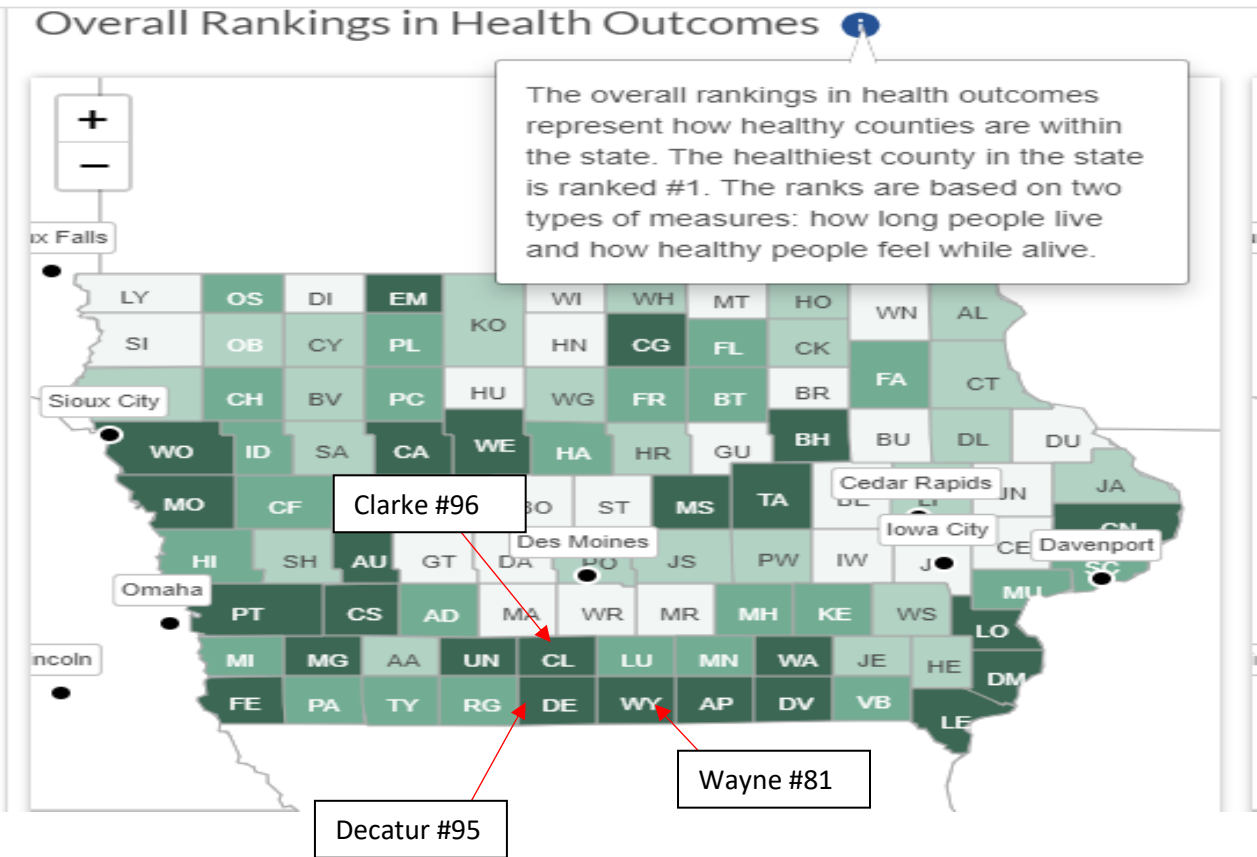
Figure 3. Childcare cost burden in Iowa by county

County Health Rankings

The 2022 County Health Rankings provide a snapshot of a community’s health based on a model of population health that emphasizes the many factors, if improved, can help make communities healthier places to live, learn, work and play. Rankings data include a variety of measures, such as high school graduation rates, access to nutritious foods, and the percent of children living in poverty, all of which impact the future health of communities (health factors). The table below shows the rankings for the three counties in the Kids First Communities compared to the 99 counties in Iowa. Rankings are 1 to 99 with 1 being the best and 99 the worst.

<https://www.countyhealthrankings.org>

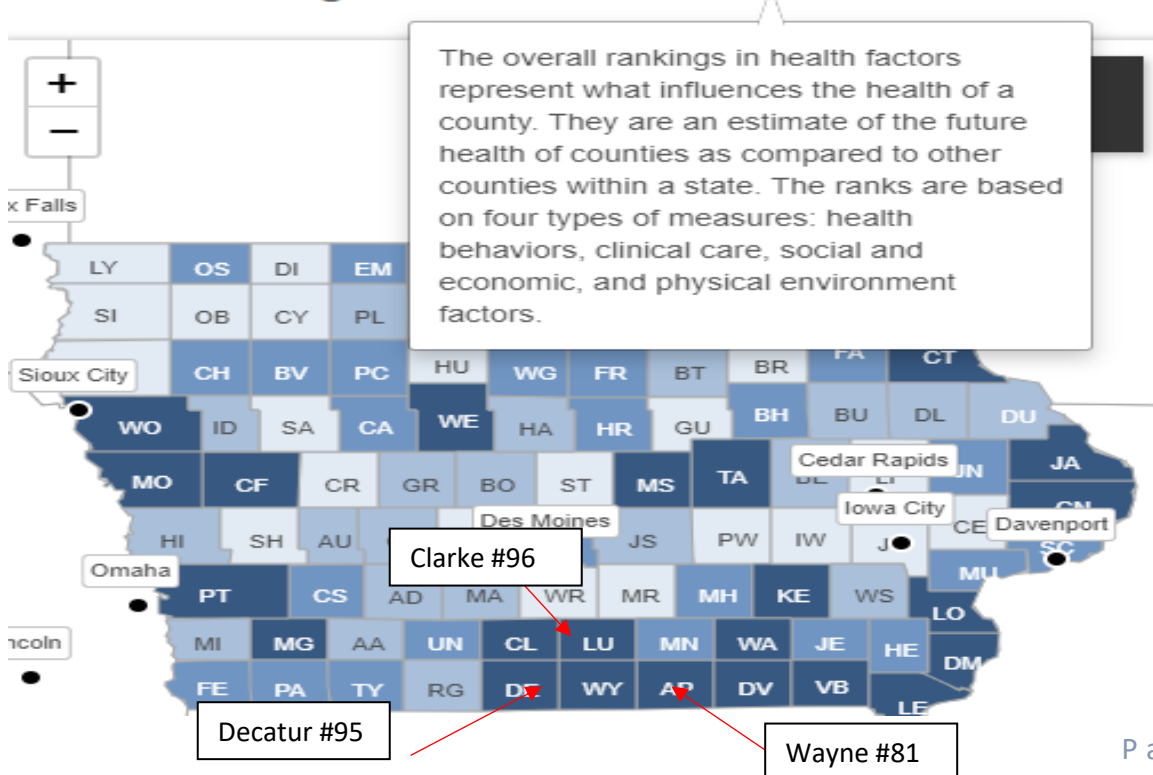
Overall Rankings in Health Outcomes



Overall Rankings in Health Factors

Health factors represent community conditions that we can change to improve health and opportunity, such as access to quality education, living wage jobs, quality clinical care, nutritious foods, green spaces, and secure and affordable housing.

Overall Rankings in Health Factors



County Health Data

	Iowa	Clarke (CL), IA X	Decatur (DE), IA X PEER COUNTY	Wayne (WY), IA X
Health Outcomes				
Length of Life				
Premature Death	6,500	8,800	8,800	7,000
Quality of Life				
Poor or Fair Health	i 14%	18%	17%	18%
Poor Physical Health Days	i 3.1	3.8	3.8	4.0
Poor Mental Health Days	i 4.1	4.2	4.4	4.7
Low Birthweight	7%	7%	7%	5%
Health Factors				
Health Behaviors				
Adult Smoking	i 17%	19%	20%	22%
Adult Obesity	i 34%	39%	35%	41%
Food Environment Index	i 8.4	8.6	8.2	7.0
Physical Inactivity	i 26%	31%	30%	32%
Access to Exercise Opportunities		52%	61%	35%
Excessive Drinking	i 25%	21%	22%	23%
Alcohol-Impaired Driving Deaths		7%	14%	60%
Sexually Transmitted Infections	i 508.5	361.9	305.0	232.9
Teen Births	16	30	16	11
Clinical Care				
Uninsured	6%	7%	7%	8%
Primary Care Physicians	1,350:1	2,350:1	3,940:1	2,150:1
Dentists	1,440:1	2,340:1	1,110:1	3,210:1
Mental Health Providers	570:1	3,120:1	390:1	
Preventable Hospital Stays	3,134	4,087	2,554	3,537
Mammography Screening	53%	40%	40%	50%
Flu Vaccinations	54%	42%	41%	36%
Social & Economic Factors				
High School Completion	92%	85%	90%	89%
Some College	71%	52%	59%	50%
Unemployment	i 5.3%	5.4%	3.8%	4.5%
Children in Poverty	12%	15%	23%	21%
Income Inequality	4.2	4.7	4.6	3.6
Children in Single-Parent Households	21%	11%	14%	17%
Social Associations	14.8	7.5	7.6	12.4
Violent Crime	i 282	140		117
Injury Deaths	70	94	96	84
Physical Environment				
Air Pollution - Particulate Matter	8.2	7.6	7.6	7.7
Drinking Water Violations		Yes	No	No
Severe Housing Problems	12%	12%	14%	13%
Driving Alone to Work	80%	80%	71%	77%
Long Commute - Driving Alone	21%	37%	37%	32%

Note: Blank values reflect unreliable or missing data

County Health Rankings			
Rank 1-99			
Measure	Clarke	Decatur	Wayne
Overall Health Outcomes	96	95	81
Length of Life Premature Death (2018-2020)	166	103	92
Quality of Life Poor or fair health, Poor physical health days, Poor Mental health days, Low birth weight	94	95	93
Overall Health Factors	94	81	98
Health Behaviors Adult smoking, Adult obesity, Food environment index, Physical inactivity, Access to exercise opportunities, Excessive drinking, Alcohol-impaired driving deaths, Sexually transmitted infections, Teen births	64	60	99
Clinical Care Uninsured, Primary care physicians, Dentists, Mental health providers, Preventable hospital stays, Diabetic monitoring, Mammography screening	98	82	91
Social & Economic Factors High school graduation, Some college, Unemployment, Children in Poverty, Income inequality, Children in single-parent households, Social associations, Violent crime, Injury deaths	93	86	87
Physical Environment Air pollution-particle matter; Drinking water violations; Severe housing problems; Driving alone to work; Long commute-driving alone	94	26	42

For the most part the area counties rank in the bottom third of the state for community health. Physical environment is the only ranking that does not fit into this criterion. This is typical for rural areas which are not densely populated.

Community Health Needs Assessment & Health Improvement Plan

At least every 5 years, local boards of health lead a community-wide discussion with stakeholders and residents about their community’s health needs. The CHNA/HIP is a fundamental element in county planning. The following table is the list of priorities of each of the individual county Health Improvement Plan:

Community Health Needs Assessment and Health Improvement Plan		
May 2019		
Clarke	Decatur	Wayne
Priorities 1. Mental Health 2. Child Abuse 3. Substance Abuse	Priorities 1. Economic Development/Employment Readiness 2. Substance Abuse 3. Mental Health (Counseling/Therapists /Treatments)	Priorities 1. Healthy Living Decrease rate of chronic disease including diabetes, obesity, physical inactivity and tobacco use to residents 50 and older

*Those community health needs not listed as priorities does not diminish their importance. Many have a system in place for improvement, others would need more than just a local county working on them.

Source: <https://decaturcountyiowa.gov/pview.aspx?id=8043&catid=589>

<https://www.clarkehosp.org/health-promotions.aspx>

<https://www.waynecountypublichealth.org/about/public-health-needs-assessment-health-improvement-plan/>

Iowa Child Maltreatment Prevention Needs Assessment

Risk was assessed using data from Prevent Child Abuse Iowa’s “Iowa Child Maltreatment Prevention Needs Assessment.” The factors evaluated as part of the assessment are included in the table below. Counties were ranked on a scale of 1-99, with 1 being the lowest risk and 99 being the highest.

Iowa Maltreatment Prevention Needs Assessment			
Ranked 1 (lowest risk) to 99 (highest risk)			
Component of Risk	Clarke	Decatur	Wayne
Child abuse and neglect risk	90	85	69
Child abuse	52	99	66
Child neglect	65	82	2
Children living in poverty	61	99	93
Teenage births	99	61	61
Low-birth weight births	91	55	86
Adults with 4 or more ACEs	83	88	97
Children who experience domestic violence	78	19	29
Children whose family pays more than 35% of income for rent	86	85	4
Children ages 0-5	78	36	51

Serious Mental Illness	68	96	95
Totals	851	805	653

The totals for the 99 counties in Iowa ranged from 166 to a high of 857. The mean score was 498. The three counties in the Kids First Communities Area have some of the higher scores on the ranking scale.

ALICE

ALICE—Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, are households that earn more than the U.S. poverty level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county (ALICE Threshold). Combined, the number of poverty and ALICE households equals the total Iowa population struggling to afford basic needs. The following table contains the information for the counties in Kids First Communities area.

	Clarke	Decatur	Wayne
Number of Households by County	3854	3213	2669
Poverty (%)	14%	21%	12%
ALICE (%)	22%	25%	29%
Above ALICE Threshold (%)	65%	54%	59%

Comparing 2017 to 2019 needs assessment:

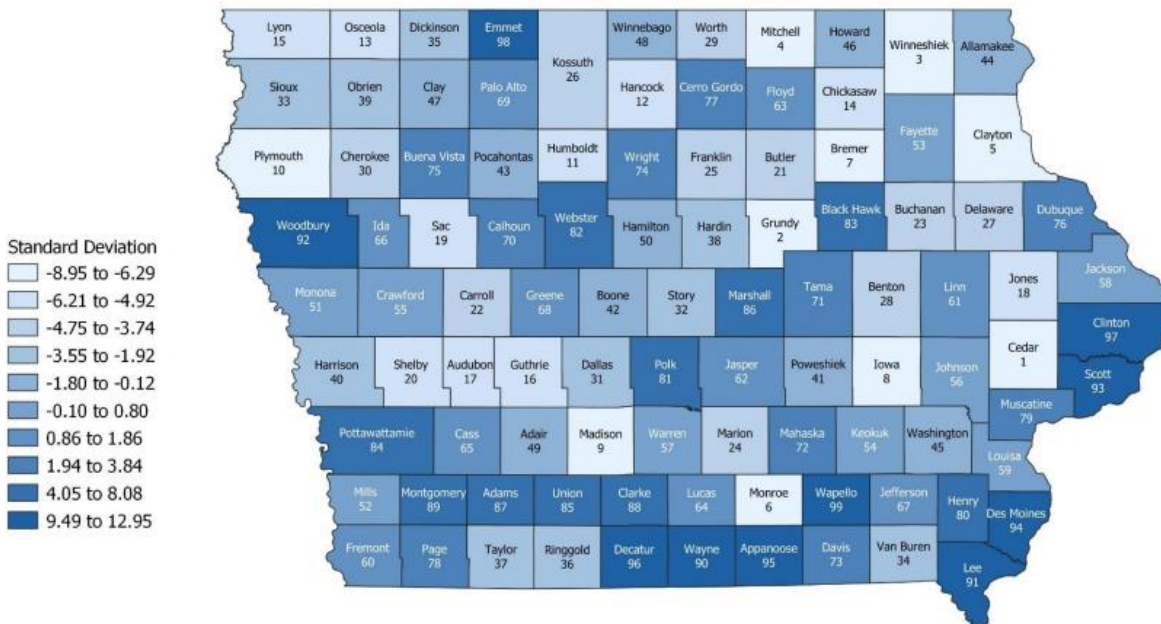
Table 2. High-risk counties* identified in the 2017 and 2019 needs assessments

Rank	2017 County	2019 County
90	Clarke	Wayne
91	Lee	Lee
92	Pottawattamie	Woodbury
93	Union	Scott
94	Appanoose	Des Moines
95	Woodbury	Appanoose
96	Clinton	Decatur
97	Des Moines	Clinton
98	Wapello	Emmet
99	Montgomery	Wapello

* High-risk counties were those ranked in the bottom 10

The 2017 ranking used a slightly different methodology. Instead of summing the standard deviation from the mean for each risk factor as was done in 2019, the ranking (1-99) for each risk factor was summed for each county to determine overall risk ranking.

The following map depicts the county rankings from the 2019 assessment broken down by rank into ten risk groups by county.



Counties with higher standard deviations (the darkest colors) have higher percentages of abuse, neglect, and all risk factors.

To develop this map, the standard deviations for all risk indicators correlated with maltreatment were summed and then the counties were ranked by the sum. The factors included are child abuse and neglect, child poverty, teen births, low-birthweight births, children living with parents with 4+ ACEs, children living with domestic violence, children living in households where rent is more than 35 percent of income, child population between the ages of zero and five, and children living with mental illness in the family.

As you can see from the map above, the KFC area ranks high for abuse, neglect, and all risk factors.

Source: *Iowa Child Maltreatment Prevention Data Update 2019*

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are traumatic events that can dramatically upset a child's sense of safety and well-being. While ACEs can affect future well-being, they don't have to. Emerging research shows that positive childhood experiences stemming from caring relationships and connections in the community reduce the impact ACEs can have. Using intentional strategies, we can build the environments that foster healthy development, as well as create system change that leads to an equitable community.

The 2020 Iowa ACEs Report - *Healing Iowa: How Iowans are reshaping systems and communities for children to thrive* - examines two years of data collected among Iowa adults measuring 10 types of ACEs. The report highlights the challenges Iowans experience related to ACEs and stories of actions individuals, organizations, and communities are taking to respond.

This report indicates high levels of poverty, abuse and neglect in the KFC area increasing the ACEs score for residence of Clarke, Decatur and Wayne counties, with Decatur County being one of the highest in the state in poverty, abuse and neglect.

Source: <https://www.iowaaces360.org>

Analysis of Needs Assessments and Priorities

Information gathered through communication with community partners and results from family survey and other needs assessment provide insight into what gaps and needs exist. These priorities continue to guide the work of the board, assist with funding decisions and help evaluate effectiveness of programs funded. These priorities will continue to be reviewed annually against updated data. As the capacity to address result areas changes updates will be made.

Priority	Rationale and Strategies
Parent Education and Family Support	<p>The Kids First Communities Board is committed to supporting families and providers in the three-county area. The community recognizes the importance for families to have access to programs that can assist them with their needs, guide them in decision making and educate them on their children’s health and development.</p> <p>Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Increase awareness of and promote access to family support programs ➤ Increase coordination among child and family services ➤ Maintain quality through Iowa Family Support Credential or National Accreditation process ➤ Offer information to parents and smooth the process of to connect to needed services and supports ➤ Strive to serve families at the child’s birth.
Quality Early Learning Environments (centers, homes and preschools)	<p>The Kids First Communities Board is committed to quality early learning environments. With 56.8% of children under the age of 6 having both parents in the workforce and review of parent surveys it is essential to have high quality early learning environments for our children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Increase provider awareness of increasing quality and capacity of their child care home/center and preschools. ➤ Support professional development opportunities for early care and education programs ➤ Support the work of consultants, Child Care Resource and Referral and Child Care Nurse Consultants, as they work with providers to increase quality
Preschool Experience	<p>The Kids First Communities Board committed to assisting families and preschools to increase the number of children who have the preschool experience, increasing their success rate as they enter kindergarten.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Work with early care and education partners to inform community members and families of quality preschool opportunities ➤ Address barriers to transportation for preschool aged children. ➤ Work with preschools to identify their needs to provide a quality environment that will lead to children being successful and prepared. ➤ Provide preschool tuition assistance for families in need.
Healthy Children	<p>The Kids First Communities Board committed to assisting families, childcare providers and preschools to increase services to improve health and well-being of children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Support and provide resources and promote mental health through Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health consultations ➤ Continue to provide dental and promote oral health. ➤ Support literacy programs in the area. ➤ Focus on ACEs factors and continue to identify data from a county level to support child abuse prevention.

Community Wide Indicators

Community indicators provide information about trends and are used to track their relationship to different result areas. These will be reviewed for effectiveness and updated annually. These measures assist the Kids First Communities Board in making decisions that affect future outcomes.

Indicator	Result Area	Rationale for Selection of Indicator
Prenatal care	Healthy Children	Prenatal care is a leading indicator of infant health that can be tracked on an annual basis. Previously we had used low birth weight as well but this is difficult to track since the data is truncated if there is a chance the child can be identified due to low numbers.
Quality Child Care Rating Scale	Secure and Nurturing Early Learning Environments	This voluntary program of rating tracked by Department of Human Services gives the providers a guide to improve quality of their program. By participating in the QRS, a provider shows their commitment to quality.
Child Poverty Rate	Secure and Nurturing Families	The poverty rate gives a snapshot of the economy of the area. This can also impact a child's readiness to learn along with child abuse rates.
Preschool Experience	Children ready to succeed in school	Children with at least one year of preschool are better prepared to succeed in kindergarten.
Food Assistance	Safe and Supportive Communities	Although unemployment is down in all three counties, the food assistance rate indicates that while families are working, income is still low and continues to put families at risk.

ECI Indicators	Results Linked to the Indicator	Data Source	Baseline Data (date & numerical value)	Subsequent Year's Data (Trend Line) Identify the Year			Goal (numerical value & projected timeline)	Progress Update and/or Brief Analysis of data
				2014	2015	2016		
Health % of live births where mother began prenatal care during 1 st trimester	Healthy Children	Iowa Dept. of Public Health	2010 C=70.7% D=59.6% W=63.3% <i>State rate</i> 75.5%	2014 C=79.5% D=71.0% W=69.8% <i>State rate</i> 83.9%	2015 C=84.4% D=77.1% W=71.8% <i>State rate</i> 79.4%	2016 C=81.7% D=65.2% W=57.8% <i>State rate</i> 78.7%	Increase Decatur and Wayne by 5%	resources made available to families to ensure healthy outcomes for moms and babies. Could be related to availability of services. Medicaid at 375% FPL for pregnancy women should be helpful
Preschool Experience % of kindergarteners who had preschool experience	Children Ready to Succeed in School	Iowa Dept. of Education or individual school districts.	2012 C=56.8% D=44.2% W=40.7%	2014 C=36.4% D=46.5% W=32.4%	2015 C=47.9% D=43.8% W=28.4%	2016 C=28.2% D=48.8% W=31%	Increase by 10% year over year	Preschool experience rate continues to be spirititic. It is low compared to the state. Research how reported. Continue to track data from school districts.
Quality Rating System % of participating child care providers and preschools at each level of the voluntary QRS	Secure and Nurturing Early Learning Environments	Dept. of Human Services Child Care Resource and Referral	2011 <u>Homes</u> C=0.0% D=5.0% W=11.0% <u>Center/PS</u> C=66.6% D=33.3% W=33.3%	2016 <u>Homes</u> C=10.5% D=5.0% W=11.0% <u>Center/PS</u> C=50.0% D=60.0% W=0.00%	2017 <u>Homes</u> C=20.0% D=11.0% W=33.3% <u>Center/PS</u> C=33.3% D=50.0% W=40.0%	2018 <u>Homes</u> C=21.4% D=10.5% W=12.5% <u>Center/PS</u> C=20.0% D=12.5% W=40.0%	Need to continue tracking after new QRIS is implemented For now reference only	Need for more information about value of QRS for home providers, centers, and preschools. Numbers of participants is low in all three counties.
Food Assistance % of individuals receiving SNAP benefits	Safe and Supportive Communities	Kids Count Dept. of Human Services	2010 C=15.6% D=17.6% W=12.3% <i>State rate</i> 11.4%	2014 C=15.50% D=16.8% W=13.4% <i>State rate</i> 13.0%	2015 C=15.6% D=17.6% W=12.3% <i>State rate</i> 12.4%	2016 C=15.3% D=15.2% W=12.7% <i>State rate</i> 12.1%	Reference only	Unemployment rates are low but number received feed assistance remains steady. Maybe caused by lower wages

Strategies for the Kids First Communities Area Board

In the Board's current capacity, for children and families in the area, respectful and well thought out decisions are made to support quality programs. Over the last few years the Board has had the opportunity to become familiar with and evaluate effectiveness of priorities, indicators, programming and outcomes. Although specific strategies were developed to guide the Board in determining that supported programs achieve outcomes that meet the adopted priorities, they also recognized that the process is a learning experience for providers as well as themselves.

Continued conversation occurs with providers to achieve the best possible outcomes and when unable, they are committed to assisting them reach success. On an annual basis, these priorities are reviewed and changes, if any, are included in the Annual Report.

The Kids First Communities ECI Area Board has:

- moved the system forward – through the monitoring process, providers are more aware of accountability and reporting requirements;
- supported quality programming for children and families by assisting providers to reach high quality through meeting required outcome measures;
- provided information to communities of the identified priorities;
- was able to expand the Clarke County Public Health family support program to include Decatur County which was missing a quality family support program

The Kids First Communities is committed to moving the early care health and education system forward. During the next several years the Board plans to:

- Review current programming/services on an annual basis
- Review quarterly reports and information from annual site visits
- Continue to review process to award funding
- Improve communication with the community, providers, and policy makers about gaps and needs
- Continue to enhance Board policies and procedures

Internal Kids First Communities Board SWOT Analysis Review

The Kids First Communities Board reviewed the SWOT analysis that was previously completed in the community plan for updates to the KFC board’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats and made changes to the SWOT analysis. The Board looked at both Internal and External factors.

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Board members are experienced in their field ✓ Commitment to mission/children we serve ✓ Fiscally responsible ✓ Knowledgeable Board/Director ✓ Voice for families that need support ✓ Members truly care about the programs and people they serve ✓ The ability to work through issues that arise without conflict ✓ Good relationships with associates ✓ Find ways to support as many programs as possible even with challenges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Difficulty of Board Member recruitment ✓ Board member attendance ✓ We have relied on outside entities to write grants that can benefit our providers
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Connecting families and children with available community resources ✓ Marketing of programs and KFC in the area. ✓ Community awareness of KFC. ✓ Prevent child abuse involvement. ✓ Searching or helping programs search for more grant dollars ✓ Using data to make good funding decisions for our programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Uncertainty with future KFC structure <p>Challenges facing our communities with regard to children ages 0-5 and their families:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Limited child care ✓ Decreasing number of certified providers ✓ Rising cost of child care ✓ Lack of community resources knowledge ✓ Cost of living rising/low wages

Reflecting the cohesiveness of the members, the board found a high number of Internal Strengths. The Internal Weaknesses almost all related to the challenges of finding board members. External opportunities were influenced by the Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Program (ICAPP) grant not being submitted on time which negatively affected the family support programs in two of our three counties. External threats revolved around lack of/unstable funding. This was also influenced by the ICAPP grant. Challenges facing our communities were linked to cost of services/low income and lack of available quality child care.

Kids First Communities Short Term Goals

Goal: Recruit two new board member positions by beginning of FY2024.

Who: Board members with assistance of Area Director

Action Steps	Timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review current membership list to determine where gaps exist 	2 nd Quarter FY2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publicize need for board members 	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask board members to submit names of suitable candidates for openings 	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present new members for appointment 	Ongoing

Goal: Raise awareness of First Kids Communities in the area.

Who: Area Director with assistance of board members

Action Steps	Timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a Facebook page for KFC Area 	3 rd Quarter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase list of people, agencies on our email distribution list 	3 rd Quarter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During site visits with providers stress importance of recognizing KFC as source of funding 	3 rd & 4 th Quarter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create marketing material 	3 rd Quarter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to attend county level meetings as appropriate 	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report activities to the board semi-annually 	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise plan as needed 	Ongoing

Goal: Increase knowledge of funding available to providers and families.

Who: Area Director

Action Steps	Timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network with possible preschools 	2 nd Quarter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market scholarship program 	2 nd Quarter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create survey to update provider information 	1 st Quarter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate funding opportunities 	Ongoing

Kids First Communities Long -Term Goals

The board was able to develop a frame work of long-term goals to be expanded and revised as follows:

- Find new ways to support quality child care and promote the new IQ4K rating
- Encourage new child care options
- Encourage those who can benefit from services to take advantage of what is offered
- Explore new services, think outside the box
- Expand collaborations to help fill needs

Survey of Preschools									
Preschool & Address	Non-Profit	# Kids Served	Age	Service Time Frame	Curriculum Utilized	Assessment Utilized	Quality Effort	Funding Source	Faith Based
Clarke Community PS 2500 College Drive Osceola, IA 50213 kmilne@scicap.org (641) 342-1088 www.scicap.org	Yes	# Slots: 42	3-5	M-F 6:00-6:00	Creative Curriculum	GOLD, Brigance	QRS 4 IQPPS	SWVPP ECSE Private Pay	No
The Village PS thevillageecc@gmail.com (641) 342-1421	Yes	# Slots: 221	3-5	M-F 6:00-5:45	Creative Curriculum	GOLD, Brigance	QRS 4 IQPPS	SWVPP ECSE Private Pay	No
Murray Community PS 216 Sherman St. Murray, IA 50174 641-447-2517 www.murraycsd.org	Yes	# Slots: 32	4-5	M-TH 8:15-3:10pm	Creative Curriculum	GOLD, Brigance	QRS 5, NAEYC	SWVPP ECSE Shared Visions Head Start ECI	No
Over the Rainbow 101 E. View Place Osceola, IA 50213 lindakw1964@outlook.com (641) 414-3858	Yes	# Slots: 25 in each session	3-6	Mon 12:00-2:45 Tues-Th 8:45-2:45	Creative Curriculum Faith Alive	Faith Alive	QRS 3	Private Pay	Yes
Central Decatur Little Cards 201 SE 6th Street Leon, IA 50144 641-446-6521 mindy.hamilton@centraldecatur.org www.centraldecatur.k12.ia.us	Yes	# Slots: 80	3-5	M-TH 8:00-3:10	Creative Curriculum	GOLD Brigance	Head Start	SWVPP ECSE Head Start ECI	No
Funshine Learning Center 423 N. Walnut Lamoni, IA 50140 funshine@mediacombb.net (641) 784-7505	Yes	# Slots: 58	3-5	8:00 – 2:30 Monday – Thursday Center 7:00 am-6:00 pm	Creative Curriculum	Brigance Gold	5 QRS Head Start	SWVPP Head Start ECI Shared Visions Private Pay	No

Magical Beginnings 701 E. Marion Street Corydon, IA 50060 641-872-1445 sarahb@grm.net	Yes	# Slots: 36	3-5	8:15-3:00 Monday – Thursday	Creative Curriculum Letter People Saxon Math	Gold Letter People Testing	4 QRS IQPPS	ECI Parent Pay State	No
Mormon Trail PS 403 South Front Street Humeston, IA 50123 twough@mormontrailcsd.org (641) 877-2521 www.mormontrailcsd.org/	Yes	# Slots: 25	3-5	8:00-3:45 Monday – Thursday	Creative Curriculum	Gold Brigance Get Ready to Read	Head Start	SWVPP Head Start ECI	No
Seymour Preschool 100 S. Park Seymour, IA 52590 641-898-2291	Yes	# Slots: 36	3-4	8:10-11:30 3 yrs. Monday – Thursday 8:10-3:20 4 yrs. Monday – Thursday	Creative Curriculum	Gold Brigance	IQPPS	SWVPP ECI Local	No
Wayne Community PS 607 South West Street Corydon, IA 50060 boyd.sinclair@wayne.k12.ia.us (641) 872-1034 www.wayne.k12.ia.us/	Yes	# Slots: 40	4	7:40 – 3:25 Monday – Thursday	Creative Curriculum Saxon Math Letter People	Gold	IQPPS	SWVPP	No
SCICAP – Head Start Clarke and Wayne Counties kmilne@scicap.org (641) 342-1088 www.scicap.org	Yes	# Slots: 20	3-5	8:00 – 3:30 Monday – Thursday 6:00-6:00 PM Wrap-a-round	Creative Curriculum	4 QRS Gold	Head Start QRS IQPPS	Head Start Shared Visions	No

Survey of Child Care Home Providers

# of Child Care Homes	County	QRS★ or IQ4K★ Rating (# at each rating)	Capacity of All Registered homes	Ages Served
# of registered child care homes	Clarke 13 Registered homes 4 with QRS ratings	3 ★ 0 ★★ 0 ★★★ 1 ★★★★★ 0 ★★★★★★	Registered capacity- 164 children	Age range served by registered homes in Clarke County is 1 week – 12 years

# of registered child care homes	Decatur 8 Registered homes 1 with QRS rating	1 ★ 0 ★★ 0 ★★★ 0 ★★★★ 0 ★★★★★	Registered capacity-96 children	Age range served by registered homes in Decatur County is 1 week – 12 years
# of registered child care homes	Wayne 4 registered homes 1 with QRS rating	1 ★ 0 ★★ 0 ★★★ 0 ★★★★ 0 ★★★★★	Registered capacity-36 children	Age range served by registered homes in Wayne County is 1 week- 12 years
# of Non-registered child care homes	Clarke 1 Non-registered homes	N/A non-registered homes not eligible for QRS	Capacity-5 children	Age range served by non- registered homes in Clarke County is 1 week – 12 years
# of Non-registered child care homes	Decatur 3 Non-registered homes	N/A non-registered homes not eligible for QRS	Capacity- 15 children	Age range served by non- registered homes in Decatur County is 1 week- 12 years
# of Non-registered child care homes	Wayne 2 Non-registered homes	N/A non-registered homes not eligible for QRS	Capacity-10 children	Age range served by non- registered homes in Wayne County is 1 week – 12 years

Survey of Child Care Center Providers

Center Name	County	QRS★ or IQ4K★ Rating (# at each rating)	Capacity	Ages Served
The Village Early Childhood Center	Clarke	★★★★	Licensed capacity- 221 children	1 month– 13 years
Leon Early Head Start Building Blocks	Decatur	★★★★★	Licensed capacity-21 children	1 month 2 weeks – 3 years
Funshine Learning Center funshine@mediacombb.net (641) 784-7505	Decatur	★★★★	Licensed capacity-112 children	1 month 2 weeks – 12 years
Magical Beginnings	Wayne	★★★	Licensed capacity- 87 children	1 month– 13 years
Seymour CSD Early Childhood Center 100 S Park Ave Seymour, IA 52590 (641) 898-2291	Wayne		Licensed capacity- 60 children	

Clarke County Childcare Rates

Child Care Rates Average Per Week	Infant (0-12 Months)	Toddler (13-23 Months)	Two Year Olds	Three Year Olds	Four & Five Year Olds	Before & After School	Full Time School-Age
Registered Child Development Homes	\$123.00	\$118.00	\$115.50	\$114.50	\$114.50	\$61.67	\$106.50
DHS Licensed Centers/Preschools	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$140.00	\$130.00	\$125.00	\$105.00	\$110.00

Decatur County Childcare Rates

Child Care Rates Average Per Week	Infant (0-12 Months)	Toddler (13-23 Months)	Two Year Olds	Three Year Olds	Four & Five Year Olds	Before & After School	Full Time School-Age
Registered Child Development Homes	\$124.08	\$122.58	\$122.58	\$122.58	\$122.58	\$58.60	\$110.08
DHS Licensed Centers/Preschools	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$30.00	\$115.00

Wayne County Childcare Rates

Child Care Rates Average Per Week	Infant (0-12 Months)	Toddler (13-23 Months)	Two Year Olds	Three Year Olds	Four & Five Year Olds	Before & After School	Full Time School-Age
Registered Child Development Homes	\$118.33	\$118.33	\$118.33	\$118.33	\$113.33	\$75.00	\$113.33
DHS Licensed Centers/Preschools	\$137.50	\$137.50	\$132.50	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$55.00	N/A

Source: iowaccrr.org, iowadatatcenter.org

Kids First Communities Process for Awarding Funds

Overall funding plan

- Each spring when an approximate amount of available funding is determined by the Kids First Communities ECI Area Board, the Board will determine the need for a complete Request for Proposal (RFP) or a Request for Renewal (RFR). If the Board determines that a revision of the RFP is necessary, a committee comprised of Board members convenes to review and recommend for approval a new/amended RFP/RFR. To assist programs in planning, the board is currently using a three-year funding plan. If the board feels it is necessary, the funding process can be opened.

Process Request for Proposals/Requests for Renewals

- The Board typically releases the Request for Proposal (RFP) as early as possible in March for the following funding year with the intent to allow applications at least 30 days for submission. Electronic notification is distributed widely to all current contract holders and the general public. If the Board determines that an RFP is not necessary, currently funded programs will be asked to submit a request for renewal (RFR).
- The Director will monitor all requests for funding received and convene the appointed committee, comprised of Board members, to evaluate the requests and determine the next steps. This committee meeting is usually planned in lieu of a regular board meeting in April and is open to the public.

Process for Awarding Funding and Evaluating Programs

- The Director will perform a technical assistance review on all applications received. The committee members will receive copies of each proposal. They will be asked to read the proposals, score them, and be prepared for discussion at the scheduled committee meeting. During the meeting they will discuss availability of funding, proposals, narratives and budgets received. Items to be considered when determining funding requests for proposals will be current Kids First Communities ECI Area community priorities, level of satisfaction and evaluation of the current contractors, and levels of funding compared to previous year(s). Funding recommendations and analysis will be shared with the full Board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. Historically this is in May.
- The Kids First Communities Area Director will notify all applicants of funding decisions which are pending approvals from Early Childhood Iowa, Department of Education and Department of Human Services.

Appeals Process

Applicants have the right to appeal the funding decisions based upon a showing that the policies and procedures governing the grant selection process have not been properly applied. The appeal process begins on the emailed date of the written notification to the applicant of the board's decision. Appeals should be in writing and filed with the Director within five working days of the date of written notification of funding decisions to the applicant. It is the responsibility of the applicant to assure that appeals are received by 4:30 PM on or before the fifth working day of the appeals process. Appeals received after 4:30 PM on the fifth day will not be reviewed. All appeals shall be delivered to the Chairperson of the Board.

- All appeals shall clearly state how the selection failed in following the rules of the grant process as governed by the policies and procedures outlined in the application material provided to all applicants. The request must also describe the remedy sought.
- The Kids First Communities Board will review the appeal and gather information regarding any infractions of the process.
- At the next regularly scheduled meeting the Kids First Communities Early Childhood Area Board will determine if there has been a violation of process.
- At the next regularly scheduled meeting, or if time is of the essence at a special meeting, the Board will determine if there has been a violation of process and will rule on the appeal.

SECTION 111: FISCAL ASSESSMENT

Process used to gather Information:

Fiscal assessment information for services/agencies in Clarke, Decatur and Wayne Counties was gathered through email, telephone and interagency meetings by director with assistance from Board members. Every effort is made to complete the fiscal assessment as accurately and completely as possible, but in the small rural areas of Clarke, Decatur, and Wayne Counties, issues always arise. Some issues involve resending requests that may have been previously missed or change in staff who, due to unfamiliarity with Early Childhood Iowa, do not know what is needed and why. Many providers report their funding for ages beyond just birth through five and we believe this is both informative and useful to capture. Services/agencies were asked to provide the following information:

- Name of agency/organization
- Completed by
- Date
- Location/city/county
- Type of service provided and program name
- Ages of children served
- Number of families served
- Yearly estimated funding: Identified by Federal, State Local, Private, Local ECI Area
- Identified gaps in funding

Use of Information

The Board of Directors evaluates the information collected to assist in the decision-making process for distribution of funds. The information gathered achieves the following:

- Awareness of what is offered in the counties other than their own, ultimately allowing for matching Early Childhood Iowa funding with others to get maximum benefit for children and families in the area.
- Familiarize themselves with other funding opportunities in each county that will prevent duplication of services.
- Sustainability for programming could depend on the Early Childhood Iowa funding not be the sole source of funding.
- Recognize and increase the levels of collaboration that exist in each of the counties.
- Sharing of document with other community partners as a tool they can utilize.

Agency and Organization Services

Agency Organization	Location County	Type of Service Provided	Ages of Children Served	Number of Families Served	Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
SCICAP	Clarke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Service Grant – outreach and garden • Utility • Food Pantry • Holiday Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All • All • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1274 • 51 • 323 • 384 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$160,000 • Varies • Varies • Varies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State • Local • Private • Local 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None • None • None • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration
Clarke Community Center	Clarke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toys for Christmas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0-16 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 141 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$18,500 • \$ 5,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private • Local 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None if donations are consistent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication
SCICAP	Decatur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Service Grant – outreach and garden • Food Pantry • Holiday Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All • All • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1950 • 326 • 122 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$160,000 • Varies • Varies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State • Private • Local 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None • None • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration
SCICAP	Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Service Grant – outreach and garden • Utility • Food Pantry • Holiday Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All • All • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 382 • 10 • 105 • 52 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$160,000 • Varies • Varies • Varies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State • Local • Private • Local 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None • None • None • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration
Marion County Public Health	Clarke Decatur Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCNC; MCH; WIA; I-Smile; 1st Five 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • blended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration

Child Abuse Council	Clarke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Abuse Prevention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0-18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 34,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication
Child Abuse Council	Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Abuse Prevention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0-18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 2,500 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication
ISU Extension	Clarke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CACFP • Girl Talk • 4-H • Together We Can • Juntos • Day Camps • Field Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prenatal – 18 • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400 • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$282,652 • \$ 9,800 • \$ 21,150 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal • Fees & enrollment County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication
ISU Extension	Decatur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research based education 	No response					
ISU Extension	Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research based education 	No response					
DECAT/CPPC	Leon Cluster Clarke Decatur Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decat Coordination • Parent/Family Support • CPPC • Child Abuse Prevention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0-18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve 1200 Ages 0-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$135,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS/State • State • Federal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of stability and in-consistent funding from year to year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution • Communication
AEA Green Hills	Clarke Decatur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Access • Early Childhood Consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0-3 • 3-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part C • Part B 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Federal • State Federal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication
AEA Great Prairie	Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0-3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Federal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication

		• Early Childhood Consultation	• 3-5	• N/A	• Part B	• State Federal	• N/A	
Dept. of Human Services	Clarke Decatur Wayne	• Child Care Assistance	• 0-12	• N/A	• \$408,066 • \$156,291 • \$ 52,566	• State • Federal	• N/A	• Communication
Dept. of Education	Clarke Decatur Wayne	• SWVPP	• 4 • 4 • 4	• 82 • 51 • 75	• \$261,006 • \$162,333 • \$238,725	• State • State • State	• N/A • N/A • N/A	• Communication
Lamoni Thrift Center	Decatur	• Low cost used clothing	• 0-18	• N/A	• N/A	• Donated	• N/A	• Communication
Lamoni Food Pantry	Decatur	• Backpack Buddies	• 5-11	• N/A	• \$ 1,200	• Federal	• N/A	• Communication
Junior Achievement	Decatur	• Business Education	• 11-12	• N/A	• \$ 1,500	• Donations from SIFE	• Transportation funds	• Communication
Optimist Club	Decatur Lamoni	• Cultural projects	• 0-18	• N/A	• \$ 1,517	• Donations	• Only spend what they take in	• Communication
SAFE Coalition	Lamoni	• Create safe environment free of alcohol and drugs	• 0-18	• N/A	• \$ 3,000	• IDPH grant; private donations; Decat grant	• Funds to support staff at Alley Youth Center	• Collaboration • Communication

Early Care Environments								
Agency Organization	Location County	Type of Service Provided	Ages of Children Served	Number of Families Served	Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Clarke Community PS	Clarke	• Preschool	• 3-5	• 80	• No Answer	• SWVPP • Private • ECI	• N/A	• Collaboration
Over the Rainbow	Clarke	• Preschool	• 3-5	• 30	• \$ 20,250	• Private tuition	• None	• Collaboration

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Kind Church 		
Murray Community PS	Clarke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$46,659 • \$10,222 • \$26,135 • \$ 2,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWVPP • Fed. HS • Shared Visions • QRS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration
Central Decatur Little Cards PS	Decatur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 56 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$107,118 • \$ 32,000 • \$ 15,800 • \$ 30,605 • \$ 50,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWVPP • Fed. HS • ECI • ECSE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need funding to cover over income HS for 3 & 5 year olds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration
Head Start	Clarke Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$352,321 • \$ 77,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal • Shared Visions 	Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication
Lamoni PS	Decatur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 47 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20,000 • \$73,000 • \$100,000 • \$13,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fed. HS • Shared Visions • SWVPP • ECI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration
Wayne Community PS	Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$113,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWVPP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication
Magical Beginnings	Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 34,164 • \$ 28,512 • \$ 5,400 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State • Private • ECI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration
Mormon Trail PS	Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 60,000 • \$ 25,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWVPP • ECI & Local • Fed. HS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration
Seymour Community PS	Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 63,328 • \$ 16,800 • \$ 5,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWVPP • ECI • Local 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold on line for 3 year olds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration

Village Early Childhood Center	Clarke	• Child Care	• 6 week to 12 years	• 80	• \$575,000	• CACFP; CCDC; DHS; Tuition; grants	• Inconsistent funding from year to year -	• Collaboration
Funshine Center	Decatur	• Child Care	• 2 weeks to 12 years	• 53	• \$273,206	• DHS; Promise Jobs; Wrap Around; Rent; grants; DEKKO; Private Parent	• Inconsistent funding from year to year -	• Collaboration
Early Head Start Center	Decatur	• Child Care	No response					
Magical Beginnings	Wayne	• Child Care	• 6 weeks to 12 years	•	• \$152,795	• Private Grants	• N/A	• Collaboration
Orchard Place Child Care Resource and Referral	Clarke, Decatur Wayne	• Consultation Services	• 0-12	• N/A	• \$ 18,674 • \$ Did not answer	• ECI • Federal	• Funding is adequate.	• Collaboration

Religious Entities

Agency Organization	Location County	Type of Service Provided	Ages of Children Served	Number of Families Served	Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Churches	Clarke Decatur Wayne	• Religious education programs; summer	• All	• N/A	• N/A	• N/A	• N/A	• Communication

		Bible School						
Cross Ministries	Clarke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing; household items for low income families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low income families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication
Ministerial Alliance	Clarke Decatur Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication
Ministerial Alliance	Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication

City Managed Services/Civic Organizations								
Agency Organization	Location County	Type of Service Provided	Ages of Children Served	Number of Families Served	Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
City of Osceola	Clarke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parks & Rec Youth Programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,200 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$253,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding needed to support Aquatic Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication
City of Lamoni	Decatur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor Youth Council Trails Parks & Rec Swimming Pool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High School Age 0-Adult 0-Adult 0-Adult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varies Varies Varies Varies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$ 300 \$ 4,125 \$ 44,229 \$ 44,616 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEKKO Local Local and fees Local and fees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More funding to increase programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication
Lions Club	Clarke Decatur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sight evaluation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preschool age 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donated time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication

	Wayne							
Chamber of Commerce	Clarke	• Holiday Activities for Children	• 1-12	• N/A	• \$ 3,250	• Local	• None	• Communication
		• Activities 12 and older	• 12 – adult	• N/A	• \$ 6,000	• Local	• None	
		• Community for families	• Child – adult	• N/A	• \$ 9,135	• Local	• None	

Family Support and Parent Education Services								
Agency Organization	Location County	Type of Service Provided	Ages of Children Served	Number of Families Served	Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Early Head Start	Clarke Decatur	• Home Visitation and Center	No response.					
Clarke & Decatur County PAT (Clarke County PH)	Clarke Decatur	• Home Visitation	• 0-5	• 50	• \$145,000 • \$ 34,00	• ECI • PCA	• N/A	• Collaboration
Growing Strong Families	Wayne	• Home Visitation	• 0-5	• 26	• \$ 50,903	• ECI	• N/A	• Collaboration
Family Place	Decatur	• Home Visitation	Did not answer				• More funding for staff	• Collaboration

Health Services

Agency Organization	Location County	Type of Service Provided	Ages of Children Served	Number of Families Served	Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Public Health	Clarke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immunizations; Immunization Audits; Heath (Child & Adult) Screenings; Emergency Preparedness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0-18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$113,254 \$ 51,609 \$211,002 \$ 22,855 \$ 35,672 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IDPH Private County Federal Medicaid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for programs limit what staff can provide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration
Public Health	Decatur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immunizations; Car Seat Safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 150 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State IDPH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration
Public Health	Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead and Hemoglobin testing; New Mom/New Baby; PS assessments; immunizations and audits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0-18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 79 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$ 1,000 \$ 3,000 \$ 10,081 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECI Private State 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More funding to assist preschools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration
Infinity Health	Clarke Decatur Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical; Dental; Behavioral Health Services Nutrition; Parent/Family Support; Assessments/ Early Interventions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 240 children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$9,000,000 Estimate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal State Insurance Patient revenue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Advocacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication
Children and Families of Iowa	Clarke Decatur Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Health; Family Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No estimate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Federal Non-Profit 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication

Wayne County Hospital and Clinic System	Decatur Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical/OB; Mental Health; Nutrition; Parent/Family Support; Assessments and intervention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1031 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees for Service • Insurance • Patient revenue • Federal • State 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication
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Other Services/Programs

Agency Organization	Location County	Type of Service Provided	Ages of Children Served	Number of Families Served	Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Development Corporation	Clarke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Center assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 weeks to 12 years • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 46,050 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Discretionary Grant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None noted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication
Graceland University	Decatur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth to Adult Educational Experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Academy • Basketball tournament • Golf Camp • Soccer Academy • Volleyball Camp • Football Camp • Science Tech Camp • Vocal/Band Workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 18,888 • \$ 2,625 • \$ 3,065 • \$24,000 • \$430 per camper • \$300 per student • \$ 4,660 • \$ 6,316 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEKKO • Local • Graceland University Grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Workshop • ROCCS • Polynesian Club • AG Day • Leadership Retreat • Young Writers • Middle Writers • Early Childhood Experience • Hands On Education • Alley Chefs • Math Tours • Kids Bank • Learn to Swim • Special Olympics • Pride of Iowa Honor Band • Coliseum Theater 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 949 • \$ 2,555 • \$ 800 • \$ 6,014 • \$ 2,696 • \$ 6,143 • \$ 3,002 • \$ 2,065 • \$ 1,832 • \$ 1,350 • \$ 2,080 • \$ 300 • \$ 1,684 • \$ 3,000 • \$ 1,541 • \$ 10,000 			
SWCC	Clarke Decatur	No response.					
Indian Hills	Wayne	No response.					
Boy Scouts	Clarke Decatur Wayne	Boy Scouts is offered in several communities but the number of participants is not available. Funding comes from fees, donations, and fundraisers.					

Girl Scouts	Clarke Decatur Wayne	Girl Scouts is offered in several communities but the number of participants is not available. Funding comes from fees, donations, and fundraisers.
Trolley	Clarke Decatur Wayne	No response.

Libraries								
Agency Organization	Location County	Type of Service Provided	Ages of Children Served	Number of Families Served	Yearly Estimated Funding	Identified Sources of Funding	Identified Gaps in Funding	Agency's Level of Collaboration
Library	Osceola	Local libraries are funded primarily through their respective cities, grants and donations. The libraries provide a wide variety of activities for children of all ages including; preschool age activity time at library; story time at library; preschool outreach and checkout (lending library); delivery of books to child care centers; summer reading programs; and early literacy activities. Many libraries provide guest speakers who share their individual expertise with the children including; Blank Park Zoo; magicians, etc.						
Library	Murray							
Library	Corydon							
Library	Allerton							
Library	Seymour							
Library	Humeston							
Library	Lamoni							
Library	Leon							

SECTION IV: Community Collaboration

Collaborative and Networking Opportunities

During the original merge process in FY2012, the Kids First Communities Area Board of Directors came to the table knowing that individually as well as collectively they bring knowledge that being small communities, folks wear many hats, have the opportunity to know each other, and consequently feel a deep responsibility to working with their professional counterparts who may also be their neighbors. The Board continues to understand that it is part of their responsibility to help facilitate collaboration of services for children birth through five and their families. Conversation within the Board itself as well as with their individual community partners indicate that shared goals and resources ultimately result in better service delivery to at-risk children and families. It still stands true, as during the merge that when asked, “how does your organization collaborate in the community”, the consensus is “small communities have learned how to work together” because limited funding opportunities drive the need to collaborate and share resources.

A key component to the Kids First Communities Area becoming successful is continued communication. Ensuring that their voices are heard during on-going collaborations, every effort will be made to include agencies, organizations, and service providers who were unable to respond to resource collection. As all agencies have experienced budgetary cuts and loss of program services or staff, economic conditions make this endeavor even more critical.

The Kids First Communities ECI Area Director and Board Chair are members of the Shared Decision-Making Team (Decatorization) and Community Partnerships for Protecting Children and participate in making recommendations to the full Decatorization Board for funding requests; participates in each county’s interagency group meetings, and when requested last has participated in the Community Development Forum hosted by the Clarke County Development Corporation. Kids First Communities ECI Area Board members serve on a host of boards in the area including: boards of health, regional mental health area, meal sites, decat, hospital foundations, Iowa Primary Care Association, Iowa Health and Wellness, Southern Iowa Trolley and the South Central Iowa Community Action Agency Board. Conversation continues through these involvements giving voice to the priorities of the Kids First Communities Early Childhood Area.

Kids First Communities ECI Area combines with SWVPP, Head Start, and Shared Visions to area preschools. Prevent Child Abuse Iowa grants are used in Clarke County only, along with Kids First Communities funding for family support programs.

The Kids First Communities looks forward to more collaborative opportunities as some of our focus changes through the strategic planning process and implementation. The board would like to broaden our range of contacts as we join with other community agencies and individuals to have conversation about the needs we see in the area.

Community Partners

- Clarke, Decatur and Wayne County Public Health
- Leon Cluster Decatorization
- Public School Districts
- Clarke, Decatur, Wayne County Board of Supervisors
- S.A.F.E. Coalitions
- SCICAP
- Crisis Intervention
- Community Action Agencies
- Health Human Services
- Child Care Resource and Referral
- Area Education Agencies/Early Access
- Preschools
- Southwestern Community College
- Graceland University
- Hospitals

- Development Corporations
- Child Abuse Prevention Councils
- Counseling Services/IECMHC
- Parent Partners
- Area Churches
- Americorp Volunteers
- Iowa State Extension Offices
- City Council
- Community Partnerships for Protection Children

SECTION V: Review and Evaluation

Narrative: “The board’s process to evaluate, on a regular basis, the effectiveness of the plan in addressing the needs of the community; the board’s process to evaluate the effectiveness of the programs funded; and the board’s process to evaluate their roles and responsibilities and operational activities.”

ECI Community Plan – Evaluation

The Community Plan is a living, breathing document that tells a complete story of the Kids First Communities Area (Clarke, Decatur and Wayne Counties). As such, it is necessary for the plan to be continually evaluated for effectiveness over time. The following steps are in place to ensure this takes place:

- The Community Plan is discussed and reviewed annually for updates to community wide indicator data to monitor trends. At this time priorities are reviewed.
- All funded programs must address the state required performance measures as stated in the Toolkit on the Early Childhood Iowa website.
- The Director conducts an onsite review to determine if the Contractor is meeting program expectations. The review may include activities as, conducting periodic review of program performance measures, expenditures, and financial records, verification that an individual is eligible for a program based on income eligibility requirements (if applicable).
- The funding process includes a review of the area priorities and indicators as related to funding requests.
- Programs will be required to submit monthly reports along with their reimbursement request (with attached appropriate documentation) and quarterly reports that follow the format designated by the Director and include at a minimum: demographic data, activities performed, state and local performance outcomes and measures as outlined in the contract. Reporting periods and due dates are outlined in the contract.
- Quarterly program reports will be reviewed by the Director at Board meetings,
- The ECI Area submits a semiannual financial report to the office of Early Childhood Iowa.
- Director shall maintain an up-to-date financial report, submitted for Board approval, which includes monthly expenditures for each program and the balance/percentage of allocated funds.
- Contractors are required to submit an annual report with required performance measures.
- The Kids First Communities Board submits and annual report as required to Early Childhood Iowa on or before September 15 of each year.
- The Kids First Communities Board will participate in the Early Childhood Iowa’s designation process every four years.

Evaluation of Board Functioning

- The Kids First Communities Board evaluates itself through an annual evaluation using a Survey Monkey document to maintain anonymity. Individuals from the community who are familiar with the Board and funded programs may also be asked to complete the survey. The purpose of the survey is to assess the board function and performance. The information is brought to the board where discussion will include results, areas of concern identified, strengths, and the need for Professional Development on Board functioning.